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THE MOHAWK'S DEATH-SONG.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY EDWARD J. PORTER

Shout once again our battle cry!
Rush proudly on ye brave—
Let not the foeman's foot-print lie
Upon our warriors' graves!—
Again the shout of triumph swell,
And raise the unerring hand;
And know that vengeance weaves the spell,
That life the death-fraught brand

Yes, raise upon those isons of fear;
And rush with all your powers:—
I would not press a warrior's bier
Till the red field be ours;—
I would not that my life blood stain
A darkened field of shame—
Go, let your proudest veins be drain'd,
Or shield your deathless name!

Go well—that shout rings proudly now,
The foe have ceased to strive,
Yet are the last wild life-drops flow,
Hear one lone charge I give:
Bear hence this tomahawk—this bow—
To the far forest wild,
And tell my boy a father's vow
Descends unto his child.

Yes go—the spirit of the sire
Is blended in his line;
Even now I see the warrior's fire
Waked by this gift of mine.
Again that tomahawk shall wave
Above the battle's gloom,
Again that bow to many a brave
Shall bring the shaft of doom.

When his wild warwhoop swells afar
And shakes the pealing air,
My spirit then shall wake to war,
And share the victory;
I die not, though I leave you now,
My plume in his shall wave,
My shaft shall leave his faithful bow—
Now bear me to the grave.

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Original Tales.

HOW TO FIND ONE'S RELATIONS.

A Translation from the French.

BY EDGAR WAYNE.

If you happen to be poor and in need—never look to such a plan as this for friendship and assistance—never, above all, expect to find the connexions of your family, by establishing, though ever so eloquently, the absolute necessity of your recognition by somebody. You will be avoided as the plague stricken—for what is a deaffier plague than poverty—what a more terrible epidemic on earth?

The Caliph Haroun-al Raschid—may his memory never be forgotten—knew human nature better than to suppose that the need of succor would summon it; or that a poor cousin would be claimed by his kin. The Caliph liked evening walks, as do all men of sense; and as every body has heard, at least a thousand and one times, he never walked without an adventure. But there is one of his right regal pranks which we are the first to place before the English reader.

As he strolled one night with his faithful attendant Giafar, he saw seated before a cobbler's stall, a young man bemoaning his fate, piteously. "Why do you weep?" asked the Commander of the Faithful.

"Of what import to you," querulously asked the weeper, "are my joys or my tears? Were you the Caliph, himself you could not supply the lack that I bewail!"

The Caliph smiled at this denial of his puissance and answered, "How do you know that I am not more powerful than the Caliph? For aught you can tell, I may be an angel sent by the prophet to relieve and to console you."

"Oh, if you are an angel of the prophet," answered the young man, "that is another affair, and I will tell you what you wish to know. I love the beautiful Ageli, and am beloved of her; she is the daughter of a cobbler of Bagdad, as poor as myself, and otherwise no whit better. But then she has a father, a mother, brothers, uncles and cousins, while I came into the world I know not when, I was born I know not where, and am the son of I know not who, and what is worse, I can't find out! The prophet, your master, should have told you of all that. Why is that the parents of my belle Ageli refuse her to a man of no connexions. A good old cobbler found me one fine evening at his door; he took me in, taught me his trade, and lying left me his shop and tools. If he could have left me an uncle or two, or a score or so of cousins, it would have been much more to my purpose! Cousins I ought at least to have, for all the world has them!"

The good Caliph laughed heartily at the story of Adib the cobbler. "Uncles and aunts," said the Commander of the Faithful, "it might be rather difficult to collect, but set your heart easy on the other score. Cousins, I will undertake to furnish by the score, and of all degrees of affinity."

The young cordwainer was taken by the Caliph to his palace, and sumptuously clothed. The Vizier Giafar, it was given out, was disgraced, and went for a period of exile to conceal himself in one of the magnificent country houses of the Sultan. "Adib," said Haroun, "I nominate you my Grand Vizier, take care that you fulfil the office with intelligence and fidelity." The cobbler prostrated himself on the earth, and promised to act to the best of his abilities. As soon as the disgrace of Giafar was known, accusers against the fallen sprung up on all sides. Those of the courtiers whom Giafar had disobliged, accused him somewhat—those whom he had most benefitted most rudely vilified him. The Caliph Haroun-al-Raschid knew the world, and only shrugged his shoulders.

Meanwhile the new Vizier was surrounded by so many friends, as, upon the evening before was the Vizier Giafar. All that he said was sublime, all that he did was admirable, all that he desired was accomplished, all that he loved was amiable, all that he hated was odious. "By Mahomet!" he said to himself, "but this is pleasant! Yesterday I was at the feet of the world—to day the world is at my feet, yesterday I was too mean to kiss their slippers—to-day they will wear out mine with their lips."

On the evening of the first day of his nomination, Adib received a petition from one of the first inhabitants of Bagdad, who styled himself a relative, and under that claim begged one of the first governments of the empire. "Ah ha!" said Adib—"one cousin already! The caliph has kept his word, there is nothing like power and place to discover one's lost connexions!" He gave the petitioner an audience, and thus addressed him: "I intend to profit by the favor of the caliph to do every thing for my family. You tell me you are a connexion—that may be well for both of us—but you must show me who you are, for now for the first time in my life, I hear you spoken of as a connexion."

The petitioner affirmed that he had an ancestor named Adib, endowed with many virtues. The Vizier asked—

"Was he rich and powerful! Had he an office in the state?"

"A very high office," said the petitioner—"he was very rich, and of course very powerful."

"And he left how many children?"

"Two. Each of them left two sons. Each of the two sons married, and each of them left two sons, sons, one of whom without doubt, was your illustrious father."

"Without doubt," rejoined the Vizier Adib. "I see that you thoroughly understand my illustrious genealogy; and I am sure that you will see the propriety of a slight observation I am about to make to you. I ought to have received, by succession, a little of the riches of the illustrious ancestor—and yet I have never touched a drachm of it. I am of the younger branch, and that branch no doubt was despoiled by the elder, of which you are now, my dear cousin, the only heir. The fortune of our grand parent must have amounted to a thousand purses, at the least—I ask of you—only the half, for my share—"

"But my lord—"

"You can be recognised as my cousin only on that condition."

"But so much money—by the beard of the prophet, I—"

"Five hundred purses!" persisted Adib, "or we can never be cousins!"

"But I cannot—"

"Come," said the Vizier—"only this little proof is necessary to establish our affinity. It is a mere trifle. I have told you what I intend to do for my relations—but they must first do justice by me."

Here ended the audience. On the morrow betimes, the petitioning cousin was ready, with the five hundred purses. Adib fell upon his neck, called him cousin a hundred times over, and promised that in eight days he would give him the government of Khorassan. "Yes," said he, "I swear it by Mahomet. In eight days you shall be governor, or I will lose my place as Grand Vizier."

The new found cousin, enchanted with these promises went forth and told all the world of his good fortune. He forgot, however, to say any thing of the five hundred purses; for people who receive great promises are not apt to boast of the price they pay for them; and beside that, it is to be remembered that hope is a divinity that counts money as nothing. He celebrated above all the affectionate manner in which the Grand Vizier received and recognised his relations, and the consequence was that a crowd of cousins were at once brought to light, of all possible degrees of relationship.

Adib said to the second cousin who presented himself. "There is not the least doubt of it. We are relations and very near relations too—I know all degrees of connexion of which you wish to speak to me. Have you never heard that our two grandfathers had a salicoa—a terrible law suit?"

"Yes, my lord, I recollect—"

"And your grandfather had the wrong side of that affair—did he not? But as he was much the richer he carried the suit, and my grandfather was completely ruined. I have examined the proceedings, but as I am more rich and more powerful than you, Heaven has already revenged the injustice done by the parent, on the child. I dare say you would prefer to repair that revolting piece of injustice. But, my dear cousin, I cannot permit any such thing on your part—the loss of my grandfather was four hundred purses—I cannot think of accepting more than two hundred, and I will not hear a word of your paying the expenses and interest." The promises to this cousin netted the two hundred purses.

Another cousin he reminded that as great was the probity of the grandfather of the petitioner, that the grandfather of the Vizier placed in his hands in charge, a hundred thousand tomans. The other could not deny so flattering an evidence of the high character of his progenitor, and admitted that he had heard often the fact spoken of. The admission cost him the hundred thousand tomans. The Vizier inquired, "You are ignorant, perhaps, what became of this money?"

"My lord, I believe—"

"You *believe*—but my dear cousin *I know*. I have touched not a toman of that deposite, which, without doubt you inherit. Thus, you perceive, if you but restore to me the sum so justly my due, you will by that repair an injustice which, should it become known, would ruin the reputation of our family, the probity of which has never been doubted."

Adib accompanied all these various reminiscences with the most splendid promises, and pledged himself to all his relations that if, in eight days, he did not redeem his word, he would forfeit his office of Grand Vizier. The crowd of relations at length became troublesome, because as proof of relationship with the Vizier of the Commander of the Faithful required money, he found many unprepared to establish their relationship. But he said to all those whose tilles were *undoubted*: "You are rich—you admit that our common ancestors were rich, and thus I show by your own admission what great injustice has been done me. Had it not been for the munificence of the Commander of the Faithful, who knows how to distinguish merit in whatever station he finds it, I should be forced to beg my bread, or obtain it by the sweat of my brow." There were many who attempted to reply to this reasoning; but as money was the test, and indeed, the only successful argument, the Grand Vizier found himself in a few days the possessor of a large fortune.

He sent for the father of the beautiful Ageli, to order of him a pair of sandals. When the old cordwainer, Rustaf, heard that he was chosen to the honor of shoeing the Grand Vizier, he was ready to die with joy. He attired himself in his best, and donning a new turban, repaired in respectful and obedient haste to the palace of the Grand Vizier. When he reached the splendid apartment, where Adib was seated, surrounded by a hundred courtiers, splendidly attired, he trembled like a leaf shaken by the wind. He dropped on his knees at the door of the audience chamber, and on his knees he advanced to the feet of the Vizier. He dared not look him in the face, and Adib, the Vizier cobbler practised upon him all the airs, to which he himself had so lately been compelled to submit—putting forth his foot as if he had been born a sultan and not a cobbler.

"You have a daughter, Rustaf?"

"Yes, oh, mighty Prince."

"She is beautiful?"

"Yes, most magnificent, at the service of your highness."

"She loves, they say, a young man named Adib?"

"Alas—my lord—"

"Who is this Adib?"

"A bad fellow, my lord—a clown, a lazy lout, who will be all his life the most miserable of vagabond cobblers."

"It was my pleasure to order of him a pair of sandals."

"Ah, my lord—your magnificence would be shamefully imposed upon!"

"But has this Adib, of whom you speak so ill, no other faults?"

"They are innumerable, your magnificence, but if Ea had no faults, I could not give my daughter to a man without prospects and without family."

"Without family, Rustaf! Raise your eyes—look about you—and behold the relations of Adib!"

The old man's looks wandered furtively about the apartment,—but when he saw so many grandees, so splendidly clothed, he believed that the Vizier was mocking him. He stole a glance at the Vizier, and recognised Adib. At this unexpected recognition, the poor Rustaf fell back upon the floor, and exclaimed: "Allah! Allah! I am a dead man!"

At this exclamation Adib laughed, and if course all the courtiers laughed too. "No, no, Rustaf," said the Vizier, "you are not dead—you are my father-in-law, provided that you deem my family now numerous enough. Do seek your daughter this instant. I will send for the Cadi, to celebrate the marriage to-day, in my palace—because, another day may be too late. Those who are relations to-day, may not be to-morrow."

We need not describe the joy and the surprise of the beautiful Ageli. From the daughter of a poor cordwainer, she became all at once the wife of the man she loved, and of the Grand Vizier. Her love and her vanity were alike gratified; and persons who have not soul enough for the refinement of love, have still minds sensible to the enjoyment of vanity.

The marriage was celebrated with a magnificence worthy of the lovers. The ceremony was followed by a feast to which all the relations of the Vizier were invited. Nothing, according to them, was more beautiful in nature than the beautiful Ageli. They sang verses in her praise—they compared her to the Houries, nay, declared that even the Houries themselves would be less beautiful in her presence. Adib received also his tribute of homage. He was the greatest of all Viziers, who, until that day had held the reins of state—he was the first statesman in the world. They knew not whether most to admire the grace and refinement of his mind, or the profoundness of his genius, and the extent of his knowledge. They bestowed upon him the ennobling adjective and sounded his praises as Adib the Great. Old Rustaf even was not forgotten—and the adulatory poetry found even the means of making something of him—so clever are sycophants—so docile in verse—so ingenious was the tenderness of Adib's new found family under these pleasant and auspicious circumstances.

While this interesting and numerous family abandoned themselves to the transports of a joy so lively, and delivered themselves up to the expressions of confidence and friendship, the messenger of the Caliph was announced. All the cousins of every degree doubted not that this messenger was the bearer of some magnificent present—their curiosity held them on tenter hooks. The messenger was introduced—he advanced with a stately step—drew from his pouch a parchment—imposed silence in the assembly, and read:

"In behalf of the Commander of the Faithful—the mighty Haroun-al-Raschid"—

At these formidable words all the convives prostrated themselves, and the herald proceeded:

"Whereas, We, Haroun-al-Raschid have been pleased to nominate Adib our chief Vizier, after having degraded Giafar, we are now pleased to reinstate Giafar, and to disgrace Adib and all his family. Let him abandon then the post for which he was not made, and return to the dust from which our royal word drew him!"

After the reading of this astounding decree, the convives rose to their feet, and gazed upon each other with the most profound astonishment. All their hopes were destroyed—no more for them were the lucrative posts on which they had counted. The disgrace of Adib carried *all his family* with him. They were no longer his relations—and in the twinkling of an eye the festive hall was deserted, and none remained, save Adib, who laughed, Rustaf, who trembled, and the beautiful Ageli, who wept. Adib, still smiling, said:

"You are quite astonished, my dear friends! A moment since, my palace was filled with relations, who celebrated my praises, and who loved me to folly—now there remains of them not a single one! Fortune furnished me cousins ready made—fortune has swept them away. I was a Vizier by circumstance—those were cousins of circumstance; but thanks to Mahomet and to my address, I have still another family, more cousins, who have not deserted me in my need. You ask, where are those good steadfast cousins of whom I speak to you? In my coffers, my dear friends, in my coffers! I have at least two hundred thousand tomans; and such cousins are more solid than the others!"

From the Magazines

FROM THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY MAGAZINE.

PARTING AND RETURN OF THE BRIDE.

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY

From her parent's home, in her beauty's bloom
Went forth the young bride of a day;
A holy smile on her trusting brow,
And her chosen by her side.

Dear was that home, in its fond array,
And dear the hearts that knew her pride—
Yet she shed no tear as she turned away
For her chosen was by her side.

And her dwelling she rendered fair,
With the might of a woman's love;
With the hope that doth dwell in the secret heart,
And the faith that hath root above.

Again to her parent's home she came,
To her home alone and bleak;
The holy smile on her brow the same,
But that brow was deadly pale.

No word to the living group she spoke,
Nor aught inquired the friends who wept;
For on her arm was a snow white babe
And the same long sleep they slept.

They made them a bed, in the church-yard green
For the pilgrims to lie down;
And the sweet turf as it drooped that day,
Was freshened by mourner's tear.

Yet they have sung in a gift of love,
The glorious from a parte sky,
Of the Mother and Babe, in the bliss above,
Where the beautiful cannot die.

The young mother, to whom these stanzas allude, and who was buried in the same coffin with her first born babe, left to her lamenting relatives, the strongest consolation, of which such an affliction could admit, the assurance that she had died of that faith in a Saviour, which disarms death of its sting.

FROM GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE, FOR JUNE.

THE PILLOW OF ROSES.

CONCLUDED.

BY MRS. ANN S. STEPHENS.

Like a still serpent, hiding in the sun,
With subtle eyes, and back of russet gold.
Her gentle tones and quiet sweetness won
A cool unquestioning confidence from all.
She wove around them with her graceful wiles,
Till, serpent-like, she stung amid her smiles.

CHAPTER II.

Catharine de Medicis was still awake, but lying on her couch, with a dim light flickering through the crimson curtains upon a face betraying more anxiety than she usually allowed it to wear. She rose upon her pillow when Margaret entered, and looked eagerly at the passionate and strange girl. She had flung her mantle aside at the door, and the dress of silvery gauze which she had worn to represent the statue, hung about her person cold and damp from the greenward where she had crouched to conceal herself. Her tresses fell in a tangled and wavy mass over her neck, and as she sat down upon the bed and flung them, with a passionate gesture, back from her brow and shoulders, the orchid and drooping rose-buds tangled there fell upon Catharine's pillow. The queen brushed them quietly away, and burying her elbow in the rich down, remained in a position of luxurious ease, waiting for the strange girl to speak. But for the rosy light which streamed through the curtains she might have been startled by the unnatural pallor which lay upon the full and voluptuous features of her child, for never until that night had the strong and bad passions of Margaret been fully aroused.

"Well," said the queen, at length becoming impatient with the long silence and singular appearance of her daughter, "well, but remember my women rest in the antechamber, speak low."

Margaret bent her head till its disordered ringlets fell over the night cout of delicate lace shading the beautiful features of her mother; she breathed heavily as she spoke, but related, word for word, the conversation which she had just heard in the garden, not withholding even the scornful words coupled with her own name; but these words came in broken syllables through her clenched teeth, and Catharine de Medicis, with all her self control, startled almost to a sitting posture in the bed as they fell on her ear; but she sunk gently to the pillow again, and when Margaret ceased to speak, lay with one delicate hand pressed firmly over her eyes, as if they were oppressed by the dim light.

"Go to your chamber now," she said, still shading her eyes, "nothing could have been better managed than all you have done. Rise early, and be the first to visit Mary Stuart in her own apartments, put rouge on your cheeks, if they remain pallid as now, and if the fire of those eyes cannot be subdued, at least allow the lashes to droop more gently over them."

"But, mother," interrupted the princess, starting up, "am I to endure this am—"

"With regard to the Scottish ambassador," continued Catharine, without in the least noticing the interruption, "let your conduct in his presence be unaltered; guard every tone and feature—"

"And is this all—am I to be neglected, mocked, and resisted in my father's palace, and yet have no redress, no revenge on the artful creature who thwarts me at every turn! I thought that you would counsel revenge, not caution, mother!"

"I would caution only that revenge may be certain," replied the queen; "go to your pillow, girl, and leave the rest to one who has a better control of her passions."

"Mother," said Margaret, returning to the bed and stooping over the queen, "will you separate these two persons?"

"Certainly," was the calm reply.

"But how! Not by—how will it be brought about, mother! I love this man devotedly, wildly, notwithstanding his scorn. *How* can you separate them without injury to *him*?"

A faint smile which stole over Catharine's face was all the reply she made; even that was unseen by her daughter, for the subtle woman turned her head indolently away, murmured that she was becoming drowsy and wished to be alone. But the moment Margaret left the room all appearance of languor vanished. Catharine started up, flung back the damask counterpane, and stepped to the floor. Regardless of the ermined slippers that rested on an embroidered chair close by, or of the silken dressing-gown that fell from the bed as her movements agitated the drapery, she took up the lamp and proceeded to unlock a little ebony cabinet which occupied a corner of the room. She touched the spring of a secret drawer, and her hand trembled very slightly as she drew forth some small object enfolded in silver and tissue paper. She removed these glittering wrappers from a tiny crystal flask, which she held before the lamp and shook either purposely or from the unconquerable tremor of her hand, till the glittering beads flashed like diamond sparks against the flame.

"It is still powerful—more so than my own nerves!" she murmured, with a faint, self mocking smile; "I thought this weakness had left me forever; we shall learn!"

As she uttered these words, Catharine grasped the vial firmly between her fingers, her lips were pressed closely together, and she trembled; the crystal and hand gradually subsided till the clear and colorless fluid settled like water in the vial again.

"What a fool is that being who allows his physical nature to overcome the strong—yet I will!" she muttered in a tone of calm philosophy, replacing the vial in its private repository and softly locking the cabinet. "The body is but a weak instrument of the mind at best, and beauty a pleasant tool with which to work out our wills." As she muttered these words, Catharine replaced her lamp in the golden bracket at chief of her mirror, and glanced composedly at the beautiful face reflected there, while she fastened a kerchief from the bed around her head, as a shield of light Venetian workmanship concealed beneath the mass of her night robe, and which, sleeping or waking, never left her neck. She then went back to her bed, and drew the rich covering over her person, and sleptluxuriously till late in the morning.

What woman is there, living of heart, tasteful, and accomplished, who has not learned how precious her feminine powers may become when devoted to the affections? How many pleasant occupations have been woven with the embroidery of a slipper, the crest wrought on a handkerchief, the netted purse, the shadowing forth of a flower, or some one of those thousand pleasant devices by which a sensitive and tasteful nature loves to win upon the thoughts of its earthly idol. Genius is comprehensive in its attributes, and genius in woman generally exhibits itself in all those minor accomplishments which distinguish the sex with quite as much originality and beauty as it may exercise in the highest walks of literature.

Mary of Scotland, even in her first girlhood, was distinguished for a degree of genius more comprehensive and strictly feminine than is awarded to any female of her age. She awoke the morning after her birthnight festival with a smile on her lips. She had been dreaming of him, had seen him in deep repose, the scowl of withered guilders torn from the lofty rooms of the palace, and limped beneath that tulip tree in the centre of the garden; the very flowers and leaves which he had divided for their short-lived bloom were pressed against his cheek, and lay broken amid the dark curls of his hair. It was a pleasant dream, fantastically woven from her own thoughts as she sunk to sleep, but when she awoke it was still upon her mind, and he pondered upon it till that drowsy state which was even yet half a voluptuous dream.

"It shall be so," she murmured, drawing her hand across the soft eyes still half closed beneath the shadow of their drooping lashes. "This very night he shall rest as I saw him in my sleep."

Mary started up as these words passed her lips, and rang the tiny bell that stood on a table close by her bed. The waiting-women entered to assist her in dressing, but with that eager and girlish grace which arose from the poetical idea that had just entered her mind, she called for a dressing-gown of pure muslin, that lay across a chair close by, girded it to her slender waist by a fragment of ribbonal which had fallen to the carpet, and sat down to her embroidery frame with her ringlets still confined beneath the lace of her night cout, and her small feet thrust hastily into slippers that she had worn the previous night.

"Go," she said, without lifting her eyes from a lily coal over which her hand was fluttering like a bird, "go to the reception rooms before the people have time to dissemble them; all of you take heede that every thing is in order at once. Bring me enough of the roses you will find to fill this cushion when it is finished. But my pages to work also, and lose no time."

As the attendants left the chamber to obey this fanciful command, they were met by Margaret de Valois, who inquired the cause of their unusual haste. A scornful flash came to her eyes as she received the answer, and turning back from the door, which she had almost reached, she bent with a hasty bad courtesy of her mother. In about half an hour, she came forth again and retraced her steps toward the apartment of Mary Stuart.

The Queen of Scots half arose when she saw Margaret, and her face was suffused with a deep blush as the princess leaned over their meeting cheek, and seemed entirely occupied in admiring the rich embroidery glowing beneath her fingers. Mary drew the skeins of floss which she had been using, lastily over the centre of her work, and as she did so, reflectedly uncovered the initials and crest unwoven there with her own. But the jealous eye of Margaret de Valois had detected them, and while Mary sat trembling and blushing and trembling like a culprit over her work, the unprincipled girl hastily withdrew from the room and sought that of Catharine de Medicis again.

Before Mary had quite recovered from the agitation which this visit occasioned, her women returned from their breakfast, bearing the rich receptacle which she had desired them to gather. She bade them set down their fragrant burthen and withdraw. Then she proceeded to cut the snowy satin from its frame, to shake off the shreds of glittering silk that covered the flowers which her genius had created, and to prepare it for receiving the mass of leaves that filled the whole chamber with their perfume. This was a work of considerable time, and just as she had crowded the last handful of leaves into the rich cushion, and was about to sew up the aperture which had been left for their reception, a page announced Catharine de Medicis.

Mary started to her feet, flung the cushion upon her bed, and breathlessly pulled down the heavy curtains.

As Catharine entered the chamber, she detected the confusion which her visit had brought on the young queen. Casting a quick glance around it till her eyes settled on the bed, disordered and muffled in its drapery, she moved quietly forward, pressed her smiling lips to Mary's cheek, and inquired kindly after her health.

Mary had kept her attendants from the room all the morning, and beside the disorder consequent on this, rose-leaves lay scattered over the carpet, and the chairs were encumbered with the garments she had worn the night before. It seemed but a natural act, therefore, when Catharine pushed back the volumes of heavy velvet with her hand and sat down upon the bed with the purple folds falling all around her.

Mary blushed crimson and started forward with an impulse to prevent the act, but when she saw that her royal visitor had only assured a seat without exposing the bed or the cushion concealed on it, she became more composed, for it was no uncommon thing for Catharine to visit the chamber of her ward, whom she ever treated with that familiarity and kindness due to a favorite child. Catharine did not even to observe the embarrassment or vague manner with which her gentle inquiries were received, but she continued to converse gaily and with that easy flow of words which she could command at will, for the present she had quite lost her spies, as if they were oppressed by the dim light.

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"I would caution only that revenge may be certain, as she received the vase and dashed some of its contents over her forehead, hastily and as one eager to be relieved from pain.

"It was a sudden spasm, and will soon go off," said the Queen of France, rising from the bed with a slight shudder and replacing the vase of flower-water on the toilet. "Good morning, my fair Rose of Scotland. Adieu! but this room seems close, let your women open another casement, *ma belle*." And with these lightsome words she departed to her own chamber.

The moment she was alone Mary once more resumed the task so pleasant and so often interrupted, but as she untied the cushion where it had been left open, it seemed to her that a perfume stronger and more subtle than she had ever noticed before was emitted from the rose-leaves. The labor which she had to perform occupied scarcely five minutes, but a sickly sensation crept over her even then, and she flung open the casement for fresh air.

It was finished at last. For three entire weeks Mary had been occupied on that single pillow, thinking of her lover all the time, and yet half persuading herself that it was not for him she worked, working a thought of him with every bud that glowed upon it, but never till that morning allowing herself to think that his crest could be emblazoned there by her own willing fingers. It was over now—the doubt and toil of mental conflict—she had resolved at all risks and every hazard to follow the sweet impulses of her heart, to renounce the royal alliance proposed by France, and seek in her own rude kingdom, and with a subject, regal by nature, the happiness which can only be secured to woman through the affections.

And now that the task was done, those crests woven together, and the tassels of threaded amethyst, emerald and reel pearls fastened to each corner, she was almost sad—not that she hesitated to send it—no, no! but it was an occupation gone, something that her new and sweet thoughts had brooded over till every leaf and bud seemed a kindred spirit, whispering of love. She was almost sorrowful that her labor was over.

Mary sat down with the cushion on her lap, and placing her paper upon it wrote a few melodious and touching lines of verse; she fastened her note amid the rich coil, by with a rude pin, and carefully enveloping the whole, sent it by her page to the Scottish Ambassador.

Catharine de Medicis saw the boy as he passed beneath her dressing-room window, carefully guarding his precious burthen. She smiled not as she did when surrounded by the courtiers of Henry II., but her face took one of those cold, cutting smiles that sometimes haunted it in solitude, but only in solitude.

"He will sleep on it to-night, or my Rose of Scotland has less influence than I suspect," she said aloud. "Well let us hope that this rest may be long and pleasant."

If Mary Stuart was vendetta as by the complexion of her task, how much deeper was the gloom that fell on that young brow when she remembered the interview which she had promised to the dauphin; the pain she would inflict, the ingratitude of which he might suspect her of all thronged upon her mind, and she almost herself to be robed for the interview, apprehensively sat in tears.

Mary was in her dressing-room when the dauphin came. He was very pale and walked unsteadily, as if a severe illness had just enfeebled his energies. When Mary arose and stepped forward to greet him he took her hand in both his and gazed in her face till the eye with which he had been dismissed took grave interest mournful and filled with tears.

"I require no explanation," he said gently, "nothing more than that sweet troubled look to convince my heart of the cruelty I endure."

"Forgive me," said Mary Stuart with touching humility, and the tears broke through those long, thick lashes as she bent and kissed the trembling hands that clasped hers, "oh forgive me!"

"What have I to forgive?" replied Francis in a tone which he vainly tried to render firm—kind and gentle it always was. "What should I forgive? That you love another devotedly, almost—no—not almost, more than you love me ever did, ever can love, as I have. God grant that none may suffer as I have since last night! What shall I forgive? Nothing, nothing. If the human heart created its own impulses then would you be blameless. But is this so? Can I with the utmost effort wrest the deep feelings which are killing me from my soul? And if I, a man, cannot do this, how should it be expected of one so gentle and loving, so—alas! Mary, this is a strange life, and you are young, but I have nothing to forgive. Forgive *me* rather that I have so long tortured you with feelings that must disgust, pretensions for which you have hated me?"

"Oh, do not speak so, do not—torture, chastise with you—indeed I have never felt either never known a feeling that was not kind and affectionate so—so—"

"A *sister*, you would say," replied Francis in a low, broken voice. "Alas! hatred were better than kind."

"No, not as a sister, but better, better a thousand times," said Mary, carried away by the warmth of her feelings and eager to prevent pain.

The dauphin's eyes flashed and a slight color broke into his cheek, but both indications of disturbed feeling vanished almost as soon as they appeared.

"But not as you love him," he said clasping her hand tightly as pained her, and speaking almost in a whisper. "Not as you love him."

Mary turned away her head and wept bitterly.

"I will not deceive you," she murmured in a voice low and broken as his own, "I dare not!" Mary felt that he gazed on her with the deep hope coming to shiver, and saw, even through the tears that blinded her, how deadly pale he was.

The dauphin was obliged to draw her to his side, for his form trembled and he felt that his strength was giving way.

"Go on," he said kindly, but still in a broken voice, "say that in words which I have hardly yet found courage to admit to my own heart; forcing in every nerve that you love another. I yet tremble to hear it, and yet—Oh God! until this day I never guessed what poisoned arrows words and looks may become."

"Do not talk so wildly, so unkindly," pleaded the weeping girl.

"Unkindly! did I speak unkindly!" he said in a voice that was almost reproachful.

"No, it was myself, the reproaches of my own heart, so miserable, so miserable."

"Tell me, tell the dauphin, making a strong effort to subdue the emotion that shook his whole frame, "what are your plans? How can I aid them? Have prove the earnest and most powerful desire of my soul, that of promoting your happiness. Do not hesitate to tell me, to give away this hand myself, I will not flinch in the duty."

"It is our wish," said Mary, turning very pale and speaking with difficulty. "It is our wish to leave France."

"To leave France!" repeated the dauphin in a voice of utter dismay.

"We could not be happy here. My people are clamorous for their queen. Every way it would be wrong."

Francis covered his face and remained silent, his evidently much against it.

"We fear opposition from your mother, from the king, and would depart privately; but one to escape her tyranny, has to elude the area eye of Catharine de Medicis. I tremble to think of our position!"

"Have no fear," said the dauphin, in a firmer voice and uncovering his pale face. "I will be your protector and defender. Where shall we meet? Where shall I bear you? Speak, speak!"

Mary had kept her attendants from the room all the morning, and beside the disorder consequent on this, rose-leaves lay scattered over the carpet, and the chairs were encumbered with the garments she had worn the night before. It seemed but a natural act, therefore, when Catharine pushed back the volumes of heavy velvet with her hand and sat down upon the bed with the purple folds falling all around her.

Mary blushed crimson and started forward with an impulse to prevent the act, but when she saw that her royal visitor had only assured a seat without exposing the bed or the cushion concealed on it, she became more composed, for it was no uncommon thing for Catharine to visit the chamber of her ward, whom she ever treated with that familiarity and kindness due to a favorite child. Catharine did not even to observe the embarrassment or vague manner with which her gentle inquiries were received, but she continued to converse gaily and with that easy flow of words which she could command at will, for the present she had quite lost her spies, as if they were oppressed by the dim light.

"Go to your chamber now," she said, still shading her eyes, "nothing could have been better managed than all you have done. Rise early, and be the first to visit Mary Stuart in her own apartments, put rouge on your cheeks, if they remain pallid as now, and if the fire of those eyes cannot be subdued, at least allow the lashes to droop more gently over them."

"But, mother," interrupted the princess, starting up, "am I to endure this am—"

"With regard to the Scottish ambassador," continued Catharine, without in the least noticing the interruption, "let your conduct in his presence be unaltered; guard every tone and feature—"

"And is this all—am I to be neglected, mocked, and resisted in my father's palace, and yet have no redress, no revenge on the artful creature who thwarts me at every turn! I thought that you would counsel revenge, not caution, mother!"

"I would caution only that revenge may be certain, replied the queen; "go to your pillow, girl, and leave the rest to one who has a better control of her passions."

"Mother," said Margaret, returning to the bed and stooping over the queen, "will you separate these two persons?"

"Certainly," was the calm reply.

"But how! Not by—how will it be brought about, mother! I love this man devotedly, wildly, notwithstanding his scorn. *How* can you separate them without injury to *him*?"

A faint smile which stole over Catharine's face was all the reply she made; even that was unseen by her daughter, for the subtle woman turned her head indolently away, murmured that she was becoming drowsy and wished to be alone. But the moment Margaret left the room all appearance of languor vanished. Catharine started up, flung back the damask counterpane, and stepped to the floor. Regardless of the ermined slippers that rested on an embroidered chair close by, or of the silken dressing-gown that fell from the bed as her movements agitated the drapery, she took up the lamp and proceeded to unlock a little ebony cabinet which occupied a corner of the room. She touched the spring of a secret drawer, and her hand trembled very slightly as she drew forth some small object enfolded in silver and tissue paper. She removed these glittering wrappers from a tiny crystal flask, which she held before the lamp and shook either purposely or from the unconquerable tremor of her hand, till the glittering beads flashed like diamond sparks against the flame.

"It is still powerful—more so than my own nerves!" she murmured, with a faint, self mocking smile; "I thought this weakness had left me forever; we shall learn!"

As she uttered these words, Catharine grasped the vial firmly between her fingers, her lips were pressed closely together, and she trembled; the crystal and hand gradually subsided till the clear and colorless fluid settled like water in the vial again.

"What a fool is that being who allows his physical nature to overcome the strong—yet I will!" she muttered in a tone of calm philosophy, replacing the vial in its private repository and softly locking the cabinet. "The body is but a weak instrument of the mind at best, and beauty a pleasant tool with which to work out our wills." As she muttered these words, Catharine replaced her lamp in the golden bracket at chief of her mirror, and glanced composedly at the beautiful face reflected there, while she fastened a kerchief from the bed around her head, as a shield of light Venetian workmanship concealed beneath the mass of her night robe, and which, sleeping or waking, never left her neck. She then went back to her bed, and drew the rich covering over her person, and slept luxuriously till late in the morning.

What woman is there, living of heart, tasteful, and accomplished, who has not learned how precious her feminine powers may become when devoted to the affections? How many pleasant occupations have been woven with the embroidery of a slipper, the crest wrought on a handkerchief, the netted purse, the shadowing forth of a flower, or some one of those thousand pleasant devices by which a sensitive and tasteful nature loves to win upon the thoughts of its earthly idol. Genius is comprehensive in its attributes, and genius in woman generally exhibits itself in all those minor accomplishments which distinguish the sex with quite as much originality and beauty as it may exercise in the highest walks of literature.

Mary of Scotland, even in her first girlhood, was distinguished for a degree of genius more comprehensive and strictly feminine than is awarded to any female of her age. She awoke the morning after her birthnight festival with a smile on her lips. She had been dreaming of him, had seen him in deep repose, the scowl of withered guilders torn from the lofty rooms of the palace, and limped beneath that tulip tree in the centre of the garden; the very flowers and leaves which he had divided for their short-lived bloom were pressed against his cheek, and lay broken amid the dark curls of his hair. It was a pleasant dream, fantastically woven from her own thoughts as she sunk to sleep, but when she awoke it was still upon her mind, and he pondered upon it till that drowsy state which was even yet half a voluptuous dream.

"It shall be so," she murmured, drawing her hand across the soft eyes still half closed beneath the shadow of their drooping lashes. "This very night he shall rest as I saw him in my sleep."

Mary started up as these words passed her lips, and rang the tiny bell that stood on a table close by her bed. The waiting-women entered to assist her in dressing, but with that eager and girlish grace which arose from the poetical idea that had just entered her mind, she called for a dressing-gown of pure muslin, that lay across a chair close by, girded it to her slender waist by a fragment of ribbonal which had fallen to the carpet, and sat down to her embroidery frame with her ringlets still confined beneath the lace of her night cout, and her small feet thrust hastily into slippers that she had worn the previous night.

"Go," she said, without lifting her eyes from a lily coal over which her hand was fluttering like a bird, "go to the reception rooms before the people have time to dissemble them; all of you take heede that every thing is in order at once. Bring me enough of the roses you will find to fill this cushion when it is finished. But my pages to work also, and lose no time."

As the attendants left the chamber to obey this fanciful command, they were met by Margaret de Valois, who inquired the cause of their unusual haste. A scornful flash came to her eyes as she received the answ

Agricultural.

DECOMPOSITION OF ROCKS.

More than thirty years ago, from careful observation, the Hon. John Welles came to the conclusion that rocks in the soil were serviceable to vegetation. He after some years expressed the opinion that their action was chemical, and that they became decomposed. This opinion was received with respect, but with much doubt by our leading agriculturists. Now this opinion is fully established and maintained by the leading agricultural chemists both in Europe and America. The rains and carbonic acid in the atmosphere taken from rocks potash or soda, which is carried down by the rain to enrich the soil. Hence and for other reasons trees transplanted over a vast bed of stones tipped up in the hole, thrive better than those transplanted without stones; and the soil directly under old walls, mixed with a little lime, has been found equal to street manure. Hence the importance of close observation and investigation of common matters. Johnston in his lecture on the Chemistry of Agriculture, on this subject, says:

It is important to the agriculturist to understand the relation which the carbonic acid of the atmosphere bears to those alkaline silicates which occur in the mineral and vegetable kingdoms. Insoluble as they are in water, they are slowly decomposed by the united action of the moisture and carbonic acid of the air, the latter taking the potash or soda from the silica, and forming carbonates of those bases. In consequence of this decomposition the rock disintegrates and crumbles down, while the soluble carbonate is washed down by the rains or mists, and is borne to the lower grounds to enrich the alluvial and other soil, or is carried by the rivers to the sea.

In some cases, as in the softer lavaps of some of the Cornish granites, this decomposition is comparatively rapid, in others, as in the Dartmoor and many of the Scottish granites, it is exceedingly slow,—but in all cases the rock crumbles to powder long before the whole of the silicates are decomposed, so that potash and soda are always present in greater or less quantity in granitic soils, and will continue to be separated from the decaying fragments of rock for an indefinite period of time.

In the farm-yard and the compost-heap, where vegetable matters are undergoing decomposition, the silicates they contain undergo similar decompositions, and, by similar chemical changes their silica is rendered soluble, and thus fitted when mixed with the soil, again to minister to the wants and to aid the growth of new races of living vegetables.

"Locust Year."—The Hartford Courant contains the following communication in relation to Locusts:—We frequently see it announced in the newspapers, that this year has been "Locust Year," followed by the story of their returning only once in seventeen years; and as these announcements appear in different parts of the country oftener than once in seventeen years, it has been stated that there are different tribes of Locusts, and that although the appearance of Locusts in different places, may be oftener, yet each tribe appears but once in seventeen years. What people in general think of these stories I not know; but I should think they would be read with doubt and indifference, at least.

I well remember three "locust years," in the years 1792, 1809, and 1826, and my father told me that he remembered one in the year 1758, and another in 1775. There being seventeen years between each of these dates, is strong evidence that they return once in seventeen years, and accordingly the present year 1843 *may be expected to be locust* year. I wish you to publish that in this time, that the etymologists may have an opportunity to make observations, and if it should be a locust year, publish the result of their observations. "If a prophet prophesy, and that which he prophesieth cometh to pass, then shall ye know that he is a true prophet."

They say in New York that the locusts or "Pharaohs" have come already.

Horticultural Expedition to China.—China has long been known to possess many rare and valuable trees, shrubs, fruits and flowers, which have not yet found their way to Europe. From thence come our beautiful Azaleas, Camellias, and Wisteria (Glycine) Sinocaea. Taking the advantage of the opening of the Chinese ports by the late treaty, the Horticultural Society of London has received to send a person well qualified for the undertaking, to bring home all he finds worthy of introduction to England. Among the fruits there, the Pekin peach is said to weigh two pounds, and nothing is made nothing and delicious. Our own Government of the United States has it in contemplation to fit out an embassy on a liberal scale to China; and we hope among other important matters, that the subject of agriculture will not be forgotten. In the meanwhile, we shall call the attention of the officers of our merchant ships about to sail on their annual voyages, to these matters, and see what we can do in our humble private way.—*American Agricultural.*

Salting Horses.—A curious fact is mentioned in Parker's Treatment on salt: "A person who kept sixteen farming horses, made the following experiment with seven of them which had been accustomed to the salt with their food. Lumps of rock salt were placed in their mangers, and these lumps previously weighed, were examined weekly, to ascertain what quantity had been consumed and it was repeatedly found that whenever these horses were fed on hay and oats, they consumed only about 2½ or 3 ounces per day, but that when they were fed with new hay, they took six ounces per day." This should convince us of the expediency of permitting our cattle the free use of salt at all times, and it cannot be given in no convenient a form as rock salt, it being much more palatable than the article in a refined state, and by far cheaper. A good lump should always be kept in a box, by the side of the animal without fear that it will ever be taken in excess.

Cellars.—See that your cellar is thoroughly cleansed and whitewashed. Let every thing of vegetable description, likely to rot and generate unwholesome gases, or disagreeable influences, be at once removed. Old vegetables, in a state of putrescence, as well as old brine and casks impregnated with vegetable or animal matters, are deleterious to health, and should be at once cleared out. The bottoms of the cellar, also, should be carefully scraped, and its surface covered with fresh lime in order to avoid the generation of bad gases, as well as to prevent those disagreeable odors consequent upon confined air.

Horticulture, the attendant and embellisher of agriculture, which provides us many palatable and healthful additions to the substantial produce of the field, and correctors of the undue stimulus and acrimony of much animal food, merits all the fostering care which an uncorrupted and yet educated and refined taste has ever extended to it. A well cultivated garden, in due alternation of vegetable, fruit and flower, gives us poetry without its illusions—nature divested of her ruggedness, and art of its constraint. —*Dr. Bell.*

Onion Seed.—If you have onion seed on hand, the vitality, or germinating powers of which is questionable, tie a small quantity of it in a linen rag, and in this state plunge it into hot water. After an immersion of half an hour, take it out, and if the seed be good, it will have germinated. So says *Rees' Cyclopædia.* An onion seed often fails to germinate after sowing, this experiment should be tried in all cases where there is any doubt as to the vitality of the seed.

Preservation of Apples.—We last week received from Tyler Fountain, of Peekskill, a dozen fall pippins, which had been so well preserved through the winter, that they were as sound and juicy as in November. They were preserved by packing them in barrels with plaster of Paris. The plaster should be sifted, that it may settle down so closely as entirely to fill the spaces between the apples, and thus exclude the air.—*Albany Cul.*

Duty on Wheat Taken to Canada.—After the first of July next, all American Wheat taken to Canada will have to pay a duty of seven cents per bushel. Flour forty-four cents per barrel. The wheat, when manufactured in Canada can be sent to England upon the payment of a light duty—merely nominal.

The Sugar Season.—Probably at no sugar season for thirty years has less maple sugar been made in Vermont, than during this spring. It is safe to say, we think, that not more than one-third, probably not more than one quarter as much has been made this year, as was made the last season.—*Montpelier Patriot.*

Wheat, Rye and Fruit.—The Trenton Emporium says:—"A farmer, residing in the neighborhood of Trenton, informs us that the wheat and rye never looked more promising at this season of the year. The prospect of an abundance of fruit, he also says, is at present very good."

Items of News.

☞ By a decree of the new Provisional Government of Hayti, dated Port au Prince, April 17th, 1843, the ports of St. Marc, Port de Paix, Aquin, Miragoane, and Anse d'Hainault are free and open to foreign commerce. Another decree, dated April 12th, 1843, makes the maritime and commercial relations free between Hayti and the West Indies, with whom they trade, in order to remedy the evils which the restrictive policy of the late government had caused.

Hail Storm.—The Albany Advertiser states that the villages of Fort Plain and Canajoharie were visited on Sunday week by a severe and destructive hail storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The glass in the windows of nearly every building unprotected by blinds or shutters, were broken to a greater or less extent, in Fort Plain. The two churches also suffered severely.

The Repeal Fund.—The receipts of the Dublin Repeal Association for the first three months of the present year, have more than doubled those of the corresponding term last year. In 1843 the amount received up to the 5th of April, was £1022 and in 1843, £2290.

Drowned.—Mr. Morgan, of Clark county, Virginia, with three colored men, attempted to cross the Shenandoah in a small skiff, on the 8th inst., when the skiff either sunk or was upset, and Mr. M. and two of the men were drowned.

An Old Sinner.—A woman named Lucy Cast, 92 years of age, has been convicted of passing counterfeit Mexican dollars, in New York, and sentenced one year to the Penitentiary!

☞ The Maltertins are about to erect a second temple in Boston.

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The new arrangement renders it necessary that all outstanding accounts should be settled up as fast as possible. Will our friends who are in arrears, remit their accounts at once. They cannot complain that we have been in the habit of dunning, but now we urge payment promptly.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

"One man," saith Shakspeare "in his time plays many parts." One editor plays many parts, not in "his time" merely, which, hiatus supplied, means his life time, but all the time. Take up any newspaper you please for the proof—the one in your hand will answer, and run your eye over the contents. You find a translation for the lovers of Eastern story—a historical tale for another taste—a practical story for those who affect common sense, a little coquettish sketch for the ladies, and serious, practical, agricultural, poetical, and other scraps, to fill up the variety. Run over these and acknowledge that the person who is bound to consult the sources whence the supply for the gratification of so many tastes must be drawn, must be industrious, to say the least.

Prominent news items, there do not appear to be many just now either strange or startling. Several things noticed last week as in a state of uncertainty have reached a decisive place. Mr. Cushing, for instance, has settled the question about the China Mission, by drawing his first year's salary and outfit; and several other of the political uncertainties are uncertainties no longer.

The prominent article of news for a great many of our readers will be the abstract of the state and resources of the societies which have just completed the celebration of their anniversaries in New York. The speech of the veteran Dr. Boucher, at the Temperance anniversary, will especially command attention; and it is matter of regret that it was impossible to give many other speeches, all of which were very interesting. But, our limits forbid, and that one reason is as good as a volume.

It appears to be settled that this is "locust year," or as some of the farmers have it, that the "Pharaohs are coming." We say settled—because all who have spoken at all upon the matter take that side of the question. Providence has, however, placed our lots in such a land of plenty, that what we deem scarcity of natural products here, scarcely descends to the standard of what is deemed "plenty" in lands more thickly populated. Whenever we have had high prices of the necessaries of life, it has usually been accompanied with corresponding prices for labor, so that the relative position of things has been preserved; or it has been when the negligence of the people has permitted the natural advantages of the country to be neglected. Such, however, is not the case at present.

In our "gossip" last week we broke ground in favor of a new copyright law—and proceed to-day to say a few words farther in explanation of what we mean. It is not that we would have all English published works put under the ban in this country, until the foreign author or proprietor said his permission to republish, or himself issued an edition here. Such a state of things would be liable to objections, as many, as important, and as obvious, that it is scarcely necessary to particularize them. Nor are we willing to admit that any injustice or any wrong is done to foreign authors by the present state of things. They have no legal or natural rights in this country which are violated thereby. But a right of property can be created, vested in American citizens, which would benefit all the parties interested. Our plan is simply this: Let a law be passed, by which an American citizen, who is the bona fide purchaser of a foreign book, in advance of its publication abroad, may take out a copy-right as proprietor; and be defended in that right, in the same manner that he would, were the author an American citizen. Let this privilege be restricted, however, to American native and naturalized citizens, and, to such as have given notice of their intention to become *naturalized.* Such a modification of the so much discussed copy-right law, with such checks and provisos as would suggest themselves in the discussion of the bill, would be a compromise between the two literary factions, which would, we think, protect the interests of all concerned, and not materially, if at all, enhance the price of books to the public.

Among other matters which will claim the attention of the next Congress, we find it asserted that a renewal of the proposition to annex Texas to the United States will form an early subject of debate. Whether this proposition is well grounded or whether it is merely the suggestion of jealous politicians we are not prepared to pronounce; nor are we ready or anxious to go into any premature discussion of the question.

There is, however, one thing which the next Congress will be bound to attend to, and that with all proper expedition. It is necessary so to regulate the Treasury issues of promises to pay, that the acceptor of one of those notes may not stand an even chance of getting a specimen of ingenuity, in the shape of a cancelled note, with the cancelling marks cancelled. In another place will be found some account of recent operations in this line of business. In addition to what is there stated, it is said that the discovery has been made that the operation must have been a long time matured—and that the rogues who accomplished the villainy commenced by using ink which would bear removal. (*Parenthesis.* It is unnecessary to say that *Haven's ink* would not answer this trickish purpose. He has just sent us a bottle by the way, as indelible as the crow's foot, at the corners of a bachelor's eye, and as black as Juice Heath's grandmother was.) The laws of the United States are sufficiently severe—but under what clause does the erasure of a cancelling mark come? It is not counterfeiting—it is not an alteration of the original note. What is it, then?

In the foreign news last received, we find nothing more touching that flying machine—except a long, transparent and not worth copying. It is shewdly suggested that at the "experimental trip," the stock holders will take passage, and the machine head for Bedlam.

THE NEW MORMON STATION.

A Western correspondent of a Cincinnati paper states that Joe Smith, the Mormon Prophet, has lately laid out another town, about twenty-five miles from Nauvoo, on the Illinois side of the river. He went up last month in great pomp, with some two or three hundred of his deluded followers, and consecrated the spot. They are now busily engaged in erecting improvements; some three hundred new emigrants were landed there recently, from various parts of the world, principally England and Scotland. They call the new place "Chocahon," being the Indian name for "*Flint Stone.*" Nauvoo, the great city of the "Latter Day Saints," is continually receiving large additions to its numbers.

THE TREASURY NOTE FRAUD.

On Saturday last, John M. Breedlove, nephew of the late Collector of New Orleans, Joseph W. Jewell, and Sawyer Rennie, were arrested in Washington, D. C., on a bench warrant from the United States Court, charged with having, on or about the 26th day of July, 1842, stolen a large sum of money in Treasury Notes of the United States, to wit, the sum of *ninety thousand dollars* (90,000) or thereabouts; and further charged them with altering, uttering and publishing said amount of Treasury Notes. The young men were found pursuing a course of crazy and reckless dissipation in Washington, and were arrested with a dexterity which does great credit to the police of the district. On examination of the persons of the prisoners, in the jail, nothing of importance was found except about $100 in notes, in Breedlove's pocket. The examination of Breedlove's trunk at the hotel, brought to light $50 in bank notes; 5 eagles; 3 half eagles; 29 sovereigns; $1000 in American gold; one large gold snail breast pin; one gold watch-chain and key, and a splendid assortment of wearing apparel. Jewell's trunk contained nothing worthy of notice.

They were almost immediately claimed, upon their arrest, by the Deputy U. S. Marshal of New Orleans, and will be taken to that city for trial. The correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, learned from this officer, that Breedlove was, for six or seven years, a clerk in the Custom House, at New Orleans, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances. Upon the back of every note, the word "cancelled" was written; this was obliterated by some chemical process, in such a manner as to leave a faint yellow stain therein. He further states that, abundant evidence can be adduced there, to prove that Breedlove and his associates succeeded in passing off some $18,000 of these notes, in New Orleans, and that the amount circulated cannot be correctly ascertained for a long time, if ever. He says the guilt of Jewell, in circulating the notes, can also be fully established. There appears to be doubts as to the amount of evidence against Rennie.

This affair, taken in connexion with the recent arrest of a Washington clerk, will go a great way against the continuance of the issue of Treasury Notes.

The N. O. Bee of the 6th says—"We learn that two passengers on board of the steamship Alabama were arrested on Saturday, at the Balize, by Captain Taylor, of the revenue service, on suspicion of being concerned in the late abstraction of Treasury notes at the Custom House. They were brought to New Orleans in charge of Capt. Taylor."

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, held on Tuesday evening last, was very fully attended, and the flowers and vegetables collected presented one of the most splendid exhibitions of the kind which have ever taken place. The following were the premiums awarded:

By the Committee on Plants and Flowers.

For the best Everblooming Rose, to John Sherwood.

For the best American Seedling Everblooming Rose, to Leafesy & Lentz.

For the most interesting collection of Plants in pots, to William Chalmers, *jr.*, gardener to George Pepper.

For the next most interesting collection, to Thomas Loyd.

For the best Bouquet or design, to Archibald Henderson, gardener to W. Chancellor.

For another Bouquet or design, an equal premium to Joseph Cook, gardener to Wm. Norris.

For the next best Bouquet, to Archibald Henderson.

The Committee have the pleasure of announcing to the Society, that they have awarded the premium for the best American Seedling Camelia, exhibited during the season since the December meeting, to John Sherwood, for his splendid seedling named "Mrs. Cope."

By the Committee on Vegetables.

For the best Asparagus, 3 bunches, to Mrs. Tage, of New Jersey.

For the best Mushrooms, to Jeremiah Mullin, gardener to Miss Gray.

For the best forced Potatoes, half peck, to Geo. Robinson, gardener to Mr. Binney.

For the best Rhubarb, 2 bunches, to J. Engleman.

For the best display of Vegetables, to J. Engleman.

For the next best display, to G. Robinson, gardener to Mr. Binney.

Special Premiums.

For the best Cauliflowers, a premium of $3, to James McKee, gardener to Chas. Chauncey.

For the best Cucumbers, a premium of $3, to Jas. Cook, gardener to W. Norris.

For the best Sea Kale, a premium of $2, to Jas. McKee.

For very fine Asparagus and Rhubarb, a premium of $2, to Wm. Carvill, gardener at the Haverford College.

BANKRUPTS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

We wish that some competent person in each State would collect the statistics of bankruptcy. The whole world form an important collection of statistics. The Boston Daily Advertiser gives us the following facts relative to the decisions in Massachusetts:

The last petitions to be declared bankrupt, in Massachusetts, were called last Tuesday in the District Court of the United States. It appeared that ten of the petitions were filed on March third, the day when the act repealing the law was approved by the President. The Judge declined to enter a decree in the cases until the matter had been further considered. We understand that the point will be argued at a future day. In one of these cases the nominal assets are large.

The whole number of petitions filed in bankruptcy, in this district is 2355. The whole number of bankrupts is about 2600.

The whole amount paid into Court by assignees up to this date, already collected from the estates of bankrupts, is $473,738 25.

The amount already distributed among the creditors, is $306,561 58.

The largest dividend paid to any one creditor, is $10,000. The smallest, is one cent.

The largest amount distributed in any one case, is, $202,400. The smallest is eleven cents. In the latter case, there were three creditors, whose aggregate debts amount to $488 40.

The number of cases in which dividends have been declared and paid out, is 271. The average number of cases of each month in which dividends are declared, is about 50. We believe that the cases are settled up and dividends declared in Massachusetts more promptly than in any of the other States. In some of the States, as we learn from good authority, no dividends have as yet been made, although there is a large amount of funds in Court.

CONVICTION OF A MURDERER.

Thomas Thorn has been convicted at Portland, Maine, of the murder of Elisha Wilson on the 5th of February. The circumstances of the case were something as follows. Thorn had been engaged to Wilson's wife before her marriage to Wilson, but had been absent for some years. On his return he lived in the same house with them, and was very intimate with Mrs. W. On the morning of the 5th of February, the neighbors were called into the house by Wilson's wife and Thorn, and Wilson was found dead. They said that in attempting to rise from his bed, he had fallen and struck his head against a chair, which had caused his death. They were suspected of having murdered him, and were committed to prison. The physicians who examined the wounds testified that it could not have been made in the manner alleged, but must have been the effects of a blow. Bloody bed clothing, and other proofs of the murder were discovered.

Within five minutes after the rendition of the verdict against Thorn, Mrs. Wilson was put upon trial. She was acquitted—we confess that we cannot see why, for her consent to the murder was apparent enough. She says, however, in a sort of informal confession addressed to the Judge that she was in bed when she saw Thorn kill her husband, and that he threatened to kill her if she made any alarm or resistance. The Jury were out about five minutes.

Thorn is sentenced to be imprisoned for one year and then hanged.

WESTERN LAND SALES.

The Treasury of the United States would not seem likely to sell much from land sales this year, if Iowa is to be taken as a standard and specimen. In the Fairfield district, where by far the best business was done, but 40,000 acres were disposed of, out of 292,000 acres offered. In the Dubuque district, of 725,000 acres offered, but 24,000 were disposed of.

Notwithstanding the above, it would appear that there is no lack of emigrants going West, at any rate. The Buffalo papers say that the numbers this year are truly wonderful. Those going are not merely the agriculturists from Europe, but very many intelligent mechanics, who are forced from the employ by the depression of the times and consequent low price of labor.

The Old School Democrat, printed at St. Louis, Missouri, of the 29th ult., gives a gratifying account of the activity of business in that city. It says, "more than forty steamboats have arrived, and as many departed during this week, heavily laden with produce or merchandise. Immigration is pouring vast numbers of new settlers into our State, and the day is not distant when Missouri will contain a dense population of thriving farmers, planters and stock rearers."

THE COMET.

Messrs. Walker Kendall and Dowlins, Astronomers of the Philadelphia High School Observatory, after the labor of eight of our hours a day since March 11th, have reached the startling conclusion that the Comet, on the 27th of February, struck the sun and rebounded! Should this opinion be proved or generally adopted by Astronomers, the year 1843 will mark an era in astronomical discovery, as important as any now in the annals of the science. We have not space for the whole report, but subjoin the concluding paragraph. This Comet can never return again.

Encke's comet is gradually winding itself up, and must some time or other, experience the fate of this comet of 1843. That is to say, it must actually come in contact with the atmosphere or permanent portions of the body of the sun. It has already been a matter of speculation with astronomers when this event shall occur (however remote) what will be the fate of the comet! Will it join the mass of the sun—drop in an ocean—or will it rebound and glance off in another orbit, an hyperbola, for instance, and never return? Now, that which is destined some day to be the fate of Encke's comet, seems actually to have occurred with the recent comet. It appears to have come in contact with the permanent portion of the atmosphere of the sun, and to have been so much resisted in its course, as to pass off in a path which prolonged backwards orbers the sun.

It may have been before a parabola or an ellipse, and it may have been the comet of 1668, or 1680, or both, and in this case something like a shock or rebound must have occurred at this perihelion passage, which has changed the orbit into an hyperbola, passing through the sun. Whenever a shock of two bodies takes place of which one is considered as fixed, the subsequent path of the other prolonged backwards passes through the first. We repeat it that we offer these views of the subject as suggestions merely, and hope that others will be more fortunate in arriving at a positive certainty. The perturbations have not been computed. It is hardly possible that they can have produced this alteration of the orbit. If such an alteration has actually taken place, the powerful resistance of a medium near the sun—or actual contact with the sun's atmosphere can alone account for it.

BUNKER HILL.

On the 17th of June, the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, and of the foundation of the Monument, the completion of the work is to be celebrated. The President of the United States, and some of the heads of departments will be present, as well as many distinguished and prominent men from all parts of the country. It will be a great occasion, and worthily celebrated. From the estimate of Mr. Willard, the engineer, we gather the following facts:

It appears that the actual cost of the work complete was $101,688. Had the cost not been increased by the delay arising from the deficiency of funds, the amount would not have exceeded $60,000. Mr. Willard presents calculations which show that at the market prices of granite work of a like description, it would have cost not less than $300,000. The above statements relate solely to the cost of the obelisk itself, exclusive of that of the land, etc. The amount expended on the work from 1825 to 1829, was $56,525; from 1834 to 1836, $30,421; and on the final resumption of it, $24,016; besides some additional expenses for iron work, etc., making up the above sum. There was also paid in addition, for the land, $23,332; for expenses connected with the celebration of the 50th anniversary and laying the cornerstone, $4720; besides sundry other miscellaneous expenses.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Potted pigeons, according to the Miner's Express, must be a drug in Wisconsin, as live pigeons are there, in abundance enough to send the crops to pot. The story is that there is, or has been, in Jackson county, a pigeon roost three miles long and half a mile in width. There can be no estimate made of their numbers. Their roosting places are about a mile distant from their nests and feeding places, being three in number, and each one covering a section of land; and, in passing to and fro, they darken the air with their number; break down young trees with their weight; and hundreds are killed by getting entangled in the falling limbs and branches. The people kill them with clubs; and their noise is so loud that, when a gun is fired among them, the report cannot be heard; and a person can stand in one place and shoot all day, the birds returning as soon as you can load. This is certainly too much of a good thing. The Caleb Quotem in Cooper's Pioneers, would enjoy this sort of sport vastly.

AMERICAN SCULPTORS ABROAD.

The Cincinnati Gazette, publishes a letter from Clevenger the Sculptor, dated at Florence, March 19th, which will be interesting to our readers:

"I have modeled an ideal bust of the Lady of the Lake, from Walter Scott, and have nearly completed, in the clay, a statue of an Indian warrior, which are my only attempts in the ideal as yet. We were quite surprised a few days since, to see in an American paper (said to be an extract from a recent letter of his,) an account of an attempt to assassinate Mr. Powers. It is but just to Mr. P., as well as to the artists here, to say that it is all false; for he, as well as the rest of us here, have every reason to be grateful to the artists; they are generally very gentlemanly and kind to foreign artists, and have been particularly so to Mr. P.; they have not only made him Professor in the Academy, but given him the privilege of nominating any one of his friends to the same honor. Mr. P. has just finished modeling his Greek Captive, and has Greek painting on it. We to-day saw a young author from Cincinnati, who has just commenced a statue, by the name of Baker, who, by the way, is a very clever fellow."

RETURNED.

As expected, Shipman, the late broker's messenger, of whom so much has been said, returned to this city on Thursday week, and was taken into custody. He has had several examinations before the Mayor preliminary to his committal. From all the testimony it appears, we understand from the Journal that Shipman never could have contemplated appropriating any funds to his use when they were entrusted to him in New York. Every dollar is accounted for save the money of the Union Bank. And, if he has appropriated the money of that institution to the payment of *pressing creditors*—it was not with that "foregone conclusion," that he obtained the money from the bank; for it appeared that he has had in his possession at divers times much larger amounts belonging to the different banks, which, if he had concerted a scheme to defraud, he certainly would select a period when the inducement was much greater. It is generally believed that he has not a dollar secreted.

LATEST FROM MONTEVIDEO.

The latest accounts state that the operations in front of the town continued to be of the same desultory character. President Oribe had received some heavy ordance forwarded to him from Buenos Ayres, and it was expected that something of a decisive character would be soon undertaken. Rivera, unable any longer to keep his forces in a compact body, had divided them into marauding parties. One of the largest of these, commanded by General Aguiar, had been routed in the department of Maldonado by Commandant Melgar. The Riveristas had previously entered the town of Minas and assassinated the Vicar at the door of the church, on account of the reverend gentleman's attachment to the legal cause.

General Urquiza, having satisfactorily arranged every thing in Corrientes, had passed over into the Oriental territory with a division of 1600 cavalry and 500 infantry, in order to act in combination with President Oribe.

MORE ROGUERY.

Rumors have been current of the arrest of several clerks in the Treasury Department at Washington, charged with embezzlement. The "number" is, however, reduced to one, and that one is under bail in $2500 for attempting to pass off returned Treasury Notes. He tried first, in Baltimore, through the agency of a negro to get off $300, and then $100 to Washington, but in neither case did he succeed; nor is it known that he has at any time accomplished any financiering of this description. His name is R. P. Dowden.

A young man was recently arrested at Houston, Texas, with $2000 U. S. funds, with which he had decamped from the commissariat department, at Fort Jessup. He was arrested by a lieutenant of the U. S. Army, as he was on the point of sailing for Havana.

WESTERN EXCURSION.

The following list, comprises the names of the gentlemen who left St. Louis on the 8d inst. in the steamboat Western, for the "Far West." Sir William Drummond Stewart; Mons. P. Pistierre, Artist, Paris; Prof. Meroche, Botanist, Baltimore, Md.; Messrs. N. and R. Hermann, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. S. Tilghman, Surgeon, Baltimore, Md.; Lieut. Smith, U. S. Army; Lieut. Graham, U. S. Army; Mr. Field, New Orleans Picayune; Mr. Sublette, Captain of Camp, St. Louis; Prof. Bastolle, Mineralogist, London. They propose to hunt, explore, and report upon the botanical, geological, and other features of the Rocky Mountain region.

COLUMBUS.

It is stated in a late French paper, that Columbus was not born in Genoa as is generally believed. An old project of Cossica, in looking over state papers recently, found in the registers of Calvi, the *act of birth* of this illustrious navigator. Columbus therefore is a countryman of Napoleon. To have given birth to the discoverer of the new world, and the overturner of the old is glory enough for little Corsica.

CROTON MAD.

Our neighbors in New York, are as completely Croton-mad as the Parisians were Giraffe-mad, when the first specimens of that noble animal were made to survive in the Garden-des-plantes. They—the New Yorkers, not the Parisians—have Croton Halls, Croton Eating-houses, Croton Pleasures, Croton Fountains, Croton Temperance Societies, Croton this, that, and the other, as though pure water and plenty of it was really something new under the sun. We notice too, that the Croton itself has run mad, and occasionally bursts a pipe, to the terror of the dwellers in Gotham. Well, by and bye we dare say our unsophisticated friends in the self-styled emporium, will get used to what Philadelphians could not exist without.

A REFRACTORY LAD.

One of the children of Mr. Hilliard, Charge to Belgium, who sailed from New York on Monday, is a young lad of six years. He had a strong disinclination to make a voyage, and expressed his determination to remain behind. Although the child was closely watched, he managed to escape from his family at the moment of embarkation at Whitehall dock. The ship was detained, messengers were despatched to the Mayor's Office, and sent about the city. In about an hour's time he was discovered in Courtlandt street, attentively examining some prints in a shop window. The little fugitive was immediately restored to his anxious family, and went with them to sea.

IMPORTANT FROM YUCATAN.

By an arrival at New York, we learn that at Vera Cruz, on the 28th of April, official intelligence was received, that the Mexicans had taken the city of Campeachy. The city was bombarded by the Mexican steamer Guadaloupe, and was captured with very little resistance, only two men being killed on board the steamer.

The schooner Vigilant, of Philadelphia, was captured off Campeachy by the Mexicans, and was taken as a prize into Campeachy. She was supposed to have smuggled goods concealed among her cargo, which was wholly of corn. Business was dull at Vera Cruz, and it was very healthy for the season.

WHERE ARE THEIR RECORDS?

Mr. Stephens, in his late travels in Yucatan, visited the ruins of *forty-four* distinct cities, once the abodes of a race which has perished from the earth. These ruins are covered with dense forests, which our countryman has been the first civilized man to penetrate. What a field will these ruins afford by and by, to some new Champollion! In this view of the subject we are not to wonder at the immense sale which the two works of Messrs. Stephens and Catherwood have met in Europe. Doubtless many European scholars are already at work in the business of comparison of the inscriptions in these American ruins, with the Egyptian.

PIRATES.

A vessel recently arrived at New York, the ship Adelaide, reports the arrival of a vessel at Matanzas, from the Canarres, which had been on her passage chased by a piratical craft manned with blacks. Symptoms of a determination to resist, on the part of the vessel pursued, induced the pirates to give over the chase. As they did so, they hoisted the Haytien flag. The Haytiens will speedily get into business, at this rate, which may not prove so pleasant. We observe that the U. S. sloop-of-war Falmouth has sailed from Pensacola for St. Domingo, and a cruise, afterward, off the Isle of Pines.

WOOLLEN IN MICHIGAN.

At Marshal, Michigan, a woollen factory is in process of erection, for the manufacture of the coarse woollens, so much in use at the West. This is an important commencement, and although the works are to employ but about forty hands, we cannot doubt that many more capitalists will follow the example, should the enterprise prove favorable. Manufacturing establishments in the West furnish a home market for many agricultural products, which would be otherwise unavailable; and the true riches of the western country, are yet to be developed by new channels for industry.

ANOTHER MISSION.

The Inquirer of Saturday put forth an *ex dit*, which we have not seen contradicted. It is to the effect that Mr. Jaudon, late of the United States Bank, is going out by the "Hibernia," to negotiate in some way with European holders of the Pennsylvania State Stocks, in relation to the public improvements and debt of the State, and with a view to place the whole matter in a position that shall be mutually advantageous to both the State and her creditors. It is also, that Mr. Jaudon's expedition is undertaken with the consent of Governor Porter.

LATER FROM CHINA.

By an arrival at New York, we have ten days later intelligence from China. Up to the 1st of February, the day of sailing from Canton, the English Plenipotentiary had been unable to arrange the terms of a commercial treaty with the Imperial Commissioner. There had been a disturbance at Whampoa, between some English smugglers, and a party of Chinese, in which five of the latter were killed. The English residents will find more and more certainly as their appearance increases, that the Chinese are not like the East Indians.

AN EXOTIC WORTH SEEING.

There is now to be seen in Mr. Thorburn's window, says the New York Commercial, a most curious specimen of cactus of the right angled description (or mammilaria.) It was received from one of the convent gardens near Monteviedo, in South America, and presented to a gentleman of this city by one of the monks of the convent, who stated that its age can be traced to one hundred years, it having been that long time gradually developing itself under careful cultivation.

GOING AHEAD.

The Assessors of Cincinnati have recently taken a census of that city, and find its population to amount to nearly seventy-two thousand—in 1840 it was fifty two thousand. During the last year fifteen hundred buildings of various kinds have been erected. At this time there are fifty-two steamboats building, as has before been mentioned in this paper. Truly, Cincinnati will ably support her claim to the title of the Queen City.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Judge Inglies, of New York has decided that in general a step-father is not bound to provide food and raiment for step children; and on that ground, he declared that the promise of a step son, a minor, to remunerate his step-father, was binding on the property of the son, when he became of age. This may be law, but if it is, it is the last discovered item in Pandora's box, and will cause infinite mischief and bickerings.

SINBAD COME AGAIN.

A French paper, quoting a letter from Bourg, says:—The great subject of conversation here is an eagle which a sportsman has just killed, as astonishing as the roc of the Arabian Night's Entertainments. In its stomach were found several diamonds and other jewels, small in size, but of a very fine water. Very. The French paper does not state how this bird was shot, but we presume it was with a long bow.

CORRECTION.

A man named Lefevre, convicted of an abominable crime, is spoken of as the *Rev.* It is proper, for the honor of the christian ministry, to state that said Lefevre was *deposed* more than eighteen months ago by the Eastern Association of New Haven county, Conn., and that due notice was given of the same in the leading religious journals. His credentials, therefore, if he had any, must have been forged.

A CURIOUS FACT.

By a singular coincidence, many of the crowned heads now living were born in the month of April. The Queen of the French was born on the 26th of April, 1782; the Queen of the Belgians on the 4th, 1812; Christina, Queen Dowager of Spain, on the 27th, 1806; the Emperor of Austria on the 19th, 1793; Donna Maria of Portugal on the 4th, 1819; the Sultan on the 19th, 1823.

TAKING A REST.

It is officially announced in the Texan papers that the Treasury of the Republic "is to be closed for sixty days, and that no payment will be made in that time." Now that is what may be called comfortable. No beggarly pleading of poverty—no apologetic "I would if I could, but I can't," but a magnanimous "I shall not." It saves words certainly to proceed in such a manner.

YANKEE ENTERPRIZE.

The Bostonians are talking quite in earnest about extending one of their Northern lines of Railroad to Montreal, and as represented by their city government have passed resolutions highly in favor of the enterprise. In Canada the project is received with equal favor, and the undertaking if completed, will make Boston more than ever the emporium of the Canadas.

GOOD NEWS FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

The crew of the "Two Pollies," a missing vessel, from New York for Baltimore, were recently taken into Havre by the Christopher Colomb, from Charleston. They were taken off the wreck 130 leagues east of Cape Hatteras. No one but he who has had a friend thus restored from the dead can appreciate the joy of the friends of the survivors.

NAVAL EXAMINATION.

A Board of Naval Officers, for the examination of Midshipmen, is ordered to convene at the Naval Asylum in this city, on Monday next, the 22d inst. The Board consists of the following officers: Com. Read, Capts. Bolton, Percival, Page, and Gwinn.

VIRGINIA ELECTION.

The Virginia Congressional Delegates, as returned consists of eleven democrats, three whigs, and one eccentric—Henry A. Wise. It is said that two of the defeated candidates, Messrs. Gogger and Botts, will contest the election of their rivals.

ODD RACE.

A gentleman in Montreal, with two wooden legs, has sent a challenge to another friend in the same condition, to run a race, which has been accepted, and the race is to come off in a few days. This may certainly be called "stumping it."

A SHERIFF IN TROUBLE.

The sheriff of the city and county of New York is under arrest for having neglected, and still neglecting to pay over monies collected on legal processes. The amount so far stated is not large.

GARRETT D. WALL.

We regret to learn that Hon. Garrett D. Wall was attacked with palsy, at his residence, Burlington, N. J., on Sunday evening, and that his recovery is extremely doubtful.

General News.

The Warren (N. J.) Murder.—The Sussex Herald says, there is a rumor that the boy has recovered the perfect use of his reason and distinctly avows that one of the persons who was arrested on suspicion

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Notices of New Works.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST; *or, Hints respecting the Principles, Constitution, and Ordinances of the Catholic Church—By Frederic Dennison Maurice, M. A. Chaplain of Guy's Hospital, and Professor of English Literature and History in King's College, London—New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Philadelphia: G. S. Appleton.*—This is another volume of the octavo series of Theological works published by the Messrs. Appleton; and in getting up corresponds with its elegant fellows. The contents are not of a character to be digested at a cursory, or even at one attentive perusal; for no person interested at all in the subject, can read with less mental labor than the author composes, or with less application than he must have brought to the collection and arrangement of his facts and arguments. His dedication to Rev. Derwent Coleridge, is an essay which the admirers of *the* Coleridge, to a criterian upon whose theological hints and thoughts it is devoted, cannot pass without a careful perusal.

The volume is divided into three Parts; the first treating of the Principles of the Friends or Quakers, and of the different religious bodies which have arisen since the Reformation, and of the systems to which they have given birth. Indeed the work was, in its original shape, a series of Letters addressed to a member of the Society of Friends, suggested by a controversy which was dividing the Society. The main object of the letters, was "to inquire whether an acknowledgment of the spiritual principles, which were professed by the Society of Friends involved the rejection of Christian ordinances, or whether one did not necessarily imply the other." Many collateral points are of course involved and treated in the first part. But under the hand of the writer, the work extended, as before remarked, to parts second and third, the former treating "Of the Catholic Church and the Roman System," the latter, of "The English Church and the Systeme which divide it." It is impossible, in the limits of a newspaper notice, to glance even at the heads of the various topics, historical, metaphysical, traditional, and theological, which are cited, or treated in the book. Suffice it to say, that in clerical erudition, close and analytical habits of thought, and wide citation of authorities the writer is unsurpassed; while, at the same time his style is free from those harassing inversions, and his argument from those puzzling subtleties and hair-splittings, which mark many of the old theological writers. Indeed we cannot think of a better book than this for the student, who would get a clear view of the "old masters" in theology, after having made his head ache over the ancient treatises, than this; for its scope includes some treatment, either brief or more extended, of almost every matter which has come up for discussion among old schoolmen and modern sectarists.

The author's own opinions we shall not be expected to endorse or to condemn. It is enough, in our character as the editor of a secular periodical, that we have spoken upon the work on its literary merits; under which head it must be pronounced one of the most remarkable and able works which have appeared for many years. No theologian—certainly none of the Protestant Episcopal Church, should pass the volume without perusal; for if there be points in which the writer differs from the reader, they will not be found among the "weightier matters of the law." It will teach habits of analysis, to the mere logician—refresh the student in Church history—and aid the general reader in the comparison of sects and their opinions; and in fine prove an exceedingly valuable and welcome addition to English Theological literature.

NARRATIVE OF TRAVELS THROUGH ARMENIA, KURDISTAN, PERSIA AND MESOPOTAMIA, *By the Rev. Horatio Southgate.*—This is a new and cheap edition of the narrative of a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, prefaced with an introduction, which developes the principal characteristics and effects of modern Mahomedanism. The narrative contains a great deal of curious information upon countries visited, and is of a character and interest which commend it to all admirers of adventure, aside from its higher end and motive. It is embellished with steel plates and a map.

HISTORY OF THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON. *From the French of M. Laurent de L'Ardeche. Philadelphia: G. S. Appleton.*—This is a pictorial work, having over five hundred illustrations, after designs by Horace Vernet. It is published in four parts, the third of which lies before us; and is a most excellent companion for English histories of Napoleon. A fair opinion of a man can be obtained only by comparing the testimony of different minds, affected by opposite prejudices. Mechanically this is a beautiful book, and it is written in a spirited and attractive style.

ALISON'S HISTORY OF EUROPE, No. 9. *Philadelphia: Perkins & Purves, W. H. Graham, Zieber & Co.*—This number of Alison commences the third volume, and brings the history down to the end of the campaign of 1808, in Spain and Portugal. As pertaining to the history of England, Wellington's first campaign in India is also treated of, and a general but brief history given of the commencement and use of the British power in India. Altogether, it is an exceedingly interesting number.

THE HOME, *or Family Cares and Family Joys. By Frederika Bremer. Translated by Mary Howitt. Philadelphia: Perkins & Purves, Zieber & Co. and W. H. Graham.* This is a truly charming book, and quite as much a favorite already as the Neighbors, by the same author. It is one of those works which you can unhesitatingly commend—having the double endorsement of Miss Bremer and of Miss Howitt for its purity and excellence.

THE CHILD OF THE WREK. *By Harry Stevens, Zieber & Co.* This is a tale of a higher order of merit than we usually find among anonymous writers. The author describes an scenes like an adept, and on shore convinces you also that he is no "green hand" on the ocean of life. There are passages in it equal to many of Cooper's, on sea or ashore, and while it is exceedingly interesting, it is likewise of a good moral tendency.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GEOGRAPHY, *By Hugh Murray, F. R. S. E., and revised by Thomas G. Bradford. Philadelphia: Lea & Blanchard, and W. H. Graham.*—The seventh number of this work is out, making nearly one third of the whole. Complete, the work will embrace nearly 1000 pages, with plates, three hundred engravings, and over eighty maps. It is published semi-monthly, and is one of the most valuable of the serials

APOCALYPTICAL KEY. Under this general title, J. M. Campbell & Co. have published in a cheap form, a work, the particular title of which sets forth that it is a sermon by Robert Fleming, first published in 1701. In it the decline of "Papacy" is confidently predicted, the fate of surrounding nations, the destruction of Mohammedanism, the calling in of the Jews, the restoration and consummation of all things, &c.

PAUL TYLER—*His History, Character, and Position—With a Portrait—New York: Harper & Brothers.*—Capt. Tyler looks very well in the portrait, and, it must be acknowledged on the letter press too; and no "enemy hath done this." Whether he may find occasion to exclaim "save me from his friends!" is to be resolved by future history—this does not go down far enough to answer that question.

THE HOUSE—FAMILY. *By Frederika Bremer. Boston: Munroe & Company. Philadelphia: Carey & Lea.* This is a bound edition of a work which we have already noticed in the pamphlet style. It is the Boston translation, and is rendered with fidelity and simplicity. Other of Miss Bremer's works, by the same translator, are announced by the same house.

MISS LESLIE'S MAGAZINE, for May, contains a continuation of her story "Orphelina," and a new chapter of Mr. Arthur's "Cecilia Howard," the young lady who had finished her education. There are articles in the number from many pens, and of various character, and among the embellishments an amusing metamorphosis of a rustic maid into a city belle.

THE LIFE OF THE REV. T. T. THOMSON, M. A. *By the Rev. J. Sargeant.*—This is a cheap edition of the life of a good man—an earnest and sincere Christian, and an active and able minister. Beside its claims on the attention of the serious as such a biography, it embodies much important information concerning Hindostan and the regions of Eastern Asia.

THE NEW MIRROR.—Colon has sent us Gen. Morris's new paper, and the last number is particularly worth admiration. A sketch from it will be found in this day's paper. For the rest the work challenges admiration. To Mr. Colon, we are also indebted for the Rover, Pierian, Phrenological Journal, and other periodicals.

A JOURNAL OF THE DISASTERS IN AFFGHANISTAN, *By Lady Sale. Zieber & Co., W. H. Graham and Perkins & Purves.* This work has run through two or three editions in England already; the intensely interesting character of the events to which it relates procuring it a rapid sale.

THE UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, *for April and May.* This work is conducted by a committee of the Philomathean and Zetosophic Societies of the University of Pennsylvania. This double number has a good variety of articles, the greater part of which are creditable to the conductors.

MELANTHE; OR, THE DAYS OF THE MEDICI.—*Zieber & Co. and W. H. Graham.* This is a very interesting novel, by Mrs. Maberly, author of the "Grand Vizier's Daughter," which is also having its run.

☞ MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT, the last part of which has reached this country, is for sale at Zieber and Co's. So also is Blackwood for May, the cheap edition—and the London Lancet, as far as issued.

THE SECRETARY. *A Play, in Five Acts. Zieber & Co.* When we have said that this is Sheridan Knowles's last, enough is said to sell the edition. Knowles's dramas always read well.

Religious Intelligence.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America—old school—assembled in the Central church, Phila., on Thursday morning, the 18th May. Dr. Edgar, of Nashville, Moderator of last assembly, preached the opening discourse. The new school assembly assembled in the First church on the same day, and the sermon was preached by Dr. Wisner. The early hour at which we are compelled to go to press prevents a report this week.

YEARLY MEETING.

The Yearly Meeting of the Friends, (Hicksite) commenced its sittings in this city on Monday last, the males in the Meeting-house in Green, corner of Fourth, the females in Cherry street. They were here in goodly numbers; and nobody seems to have a more legitimate right to the State and city than the descendants of Friends. As citizens they are among the most estimable of our countrymen; as religionists among the most sincere.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania met in St. Andrews' Church, south Eighth street, on Tuesday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, the Right Rev. U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese and ex officio President of the Convention, in the Chair. After the Convention was called to order, the Secretary, G. M. Wharton, Esq., proceeded to call the list of Clergy, and afterwards read the certificates of the Lay Delegates appointed. The attendance appeared to be unusually large. The Convention being organized, a communication from the present Secretary was read, declining a re-nomination. The Rev. H. J. Morton, of this city, was then unanimously elected to that office. The sessions of the Convention were fixed at from 9 to 2, and from 5 to 7 daily. A list of the Clergy absent from last Convention was then read, and the Convention adjourned till Wednesday.

On Thursday the Convention re-assembled at ten o'clock. St. Andrew's Church was filled on the occasion, and the full morning service was performed, being read by the Rev. Mr. Colton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Norris. The Collect used was that of the Fourth Sunday after Easter, and appropriate psalms and hymns were sung. The Ante-Communion having been read by the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, that prelate seconded the pulpit and delivered his Charge to the Clergy.

The subject of the Charge, which was remarkably clear, argumentative and sound, was—Public Worship, and the Use of the Liturgy. The Bishop traced back to the earliest ages of Christianity, the use of forms of prayer and worship, as well as to the service of the Temple at Jerusalem, upon which service of the one True God, the forms of worship in the early Christian Church had been in some measure engrafted; and supported the use of written forms of Prayer, by quotations from the Sacred volume.

He next proceeded to notice on the one hand the customs of the Roman Church, against which the Episcopal Church protested, and against which the Liturgy was intended to guard; and on the other hand he spoke at some length upon the love of extemporaneous prayer and service, as well as of preaching, that was, as an adoption, he thought, from other Christian communities which formed the majority in this country, finding its way into the Church. While much of his charge was particularly adapted to the church with which he is connected, it was marked with great Christian forbearance toward other denominations, and many of his suggestions are worthy of the attention of all Christians.

Near the close of the charge, the Bishop emphatically pointed out as an error, the desire of many in going to church to hear some eloquent preacher or sermon, as a MAIN OBJECT object. The great object in the first place was to worship God in spirit and in truth, to pray to Him for His Holy Spirit, guidance and support, and to praise Him for the blessings we enjoy and for all His mercies. The sermon should be considered a matter of instruction—well worthy of our utmost attention, but still not the chief object—which was the worship of the Most High.

After the delivery of the charge the communion was administered. One thousand additional copies of the charge were ordered printed. The results of the election were not announced on Wednesday evening.

EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On Monday afternoon the Sunday School children attached to the different Episcopal Churches in the city and districts, assembled in large numbers at the following churches, no one church being sufficiently large and central to accommodate the whole with their teachers. Each school was preceded by the rector of the church with which it was connected.

The schools of the Churches of Saint James, Saint Stephen, Grace, Saint Andrew, Saint Phillip, Saint Timothy and Saint Matthews, (Francisville,) assembled in Saint Stephen's Church.

The schools of the Churches of All Saints, Saint Mark, Ascension, Evangelists, Epiphany, Messiah, and Saint Luke, assembled in the Church of the Ascension.

The schools of the Churches of Christ, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Gloria Dei, Trinity, Saint John, Advent and Immanuel, assembled in Saint Paul's Church.

At each of the three churches above mentioned appropriate discourses were preached to the children, the evening services were read, and the 122d psalm and the 113th hymn of the selection used in Episcopal churches were sung by the whole juvenile congregation. The day, though warm, was propitious, and the occasion was one which will exert an influence for good over the future lives of very many of the children n—shall we not hope ever all!

The Episcopal Sunday School Union of the State of Pennsylvania celebrated their anniversary on Tuesday evening, at St. Andrew's Church. The Bishop White Prayer Book Society held their anniversary at the same place on Wednesday evening.

ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL.

The following particulars of the meeting of Bishops, Clergy, &c., of the Roman Catholic Church, are given in the Baltimore Sun of Wednesday:

THE FIFTH PROVINCIAL COUNCIL of Baltimore, was opened on Sunday last, the 14th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Metropolitan Church, in this city. The Right Rev. prelates and other clergy moved in procession from the Archiepiscopal residence, along the south side of the church, to the front entrance, and advanced through the nave to the sanctuary, where all occupied their respective places. At the request of the Most Rev. Archbishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Portier, Bishop of Mobile, celebrated the pontifical high mass, assisted by the Very Rev. Messrs. Raymond and Fay. The Right Rev. Dr. Fenwick, Bishop of Boston, preached on the occasion. Immediately after the sermon, the Council was opened according to the form prescribed in the Roman pontifical, the Most Rev. Dr. Eccleston, Archbishop of Baltimore, presiding; and the other Bishops, fifteen in number, being ranged on either side of the sanctuary. Between thirty and forty priests, vested in chasubles, were present.

The following gentlemen were appointed officers of the Council:—The Right Rev. Dr. Portier, Bishop of Mobile, and the Right Rev. Dr. Chrische, Bishop of Natchez, Promotors. Rev. Edward Damphoux, D. D. and Rev. Charles I. White, Secretaries. Rev. Francis L'homme, Master of Ceremonies; and Messrs. Thomas Folley and Oliver Jenkins, Assistants. Rev. Wm. Binkinsop and Mr. T. H. Parsons, Chanters.

NEW YORK ANNIVERSARIES.

In our last we glanced at the proceedings at a few of the Religious Anniversaries in New York. We continue the notice, by giving some of the most interesting facts connected with the proceedings.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY celebrated its anniversary on Wednesday of last week, Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen in the chair. The total receipts for the past year were $96,340, exceeding the disbursements by $1190. Of the money received from branches and auxiliaries, Boston has contributed $2799, New York $2317, Philadelphia $1523, New Haven and Providence and Richmond $1000 each, Charleston $800, Norfolk $500, Cincinnati $450, Hartford $434, Savannah $250, Brooklyn $234 and North Carolina $117.

The deaths of the Rev. Dr. Proudfit, Rev. Alex. V. Griswold, Hon. Peter A. Jay, Rev. Mr. Ewing and Rev. John Steele, all of them connected in some way with the operations of the Society, were mentioned in appropriate terms. The Society has added to its list 54 new publications during the year, and the whole number now contained is 1069, including 158 volumes. Of the Messenger, the organ of the Society 10,000 copies are circulated. The whole number of pages circulated by the Society is about eighty millions, and the whole number circulated during the 18 years of the Society's existence is 1,300,000,000. The Society has made 641 distinct grants, mainly in the United States.

THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, had its exhibition on the same day. The exercises commenced with music by a Band composed of the Pupils; after which some of the younger children were examined in reading. Some who were but eight years old and had been at school only ten or twelve months, were able to read the Scriptures very readily; among those were two very interesting children from China, brought from that country by Mrs. Gutzlaff, the lady of the distinguished American Missionary to that country. These little children not only read well, but sung delightfully.

THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY celebrated its anniversary in the evening. The receipts for the year have been $61000, leaving a balance owed of $2589 in the Treasury. The amount pledged for the coming year, and the debts of the Society amount to about $50,000.

The number of ministers in the employment of the Society, during the year, has been 848. Of these 225 have been appointed this year. The whole amount of labor performed is 657 years. During a greater or less portion of the year, the Gospel has been preached by the missionaries to 1047 congregations and missionary districts. These laborers have been distributed in twenty-four States and Territories of the Union, and in Canada and Texas. The Society has had in commission 57 more missionaries than in any other year of its existence. These have labored in 60 more fields, and 63 years of labor have been performed more than in the twelve previous months; 64 more laborers than in any former year, have been stationed in the great valley of the West.

The number of pupils in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes is not far from 68,400. The impulse communicated to the cause of Temperance during the previous year has extended its influence into the last. The number of persons pledged in the communities connected with the missions, is not far from 116,000.

The Committee states that the presence of the Saviour with his missionary servants, and his blessing on their labors, has not been so signal in any year since the revivals of 1831 and '32. 232 of the churches have shared in these effusions, and 5858 souls have been hopefully born again during the year, in connection with the ministry of this Society. The number added to the churches on profession of their faith is about 5834, by letters from other churches 2370—in all, 8223. This number is 2709 more than the additions of the previous year.

On Thursday, the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY celebrated its Twenty-seventh Anniversary. The receipts for the past year amount to $126,448 77, being $7908 31 less than those of the preceding year. This diminution is attributable in part to the greater amount of legacies the former year. Twenty-six life directors, and 449 life members have been added during the year; and 59 new auxiliary societies added. There have been printed of English Bibles, 92,000; English Testaments, 120,000; French do. 8000; German do. 4000; Modern Greek do. 4000. This does not include what has been printed abroad at the Society's expense.

The whole number of Bibles and Testaments issued in course of the year has been 215,505 copies, in nineteen different tongues, making a total of 3,068,370 since the organization of the Society. These books have gone mostly, not to the rich and well supplied, but to the needy throughout our States and Territories—to seamen, boatmen, emigrants—to prisons, hospitals, &c.—most of which cases would not have been met but for this organization. One hundred and sixty copies of rare Bibles and other works have been added to the Library during the year. Thirteen agents have been employed during the entire year. Grants of books have been made for Texas, Canada, Hayti, Cuba, Honduras, Rio Grande, Buenos Ayres and Santa Cruz. To the latter place have been sent 500 Bibles and 1000 Testaments, at the request of Rev. Dr. McElroy, of New York. These books are for young slaves in part, who are required by law to attend school for four years from their fifth year, and in part for adults who attend Sunday Schools.

English Bibles have been sent on request to Louisiana, North India, and to Ceylon, South India, for the use of native pupils, who have learned, or are learning, the English tongue. The grants of money have amounted in all to about $18,000; —namely, to the Levant, including Greece, Syria, &c., $500; France and Switzerland, $700; Russia, $1000; Mexico, $500; Ceylon, $2000; Northern India, $3000; Madras, $3000, &c.

THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION celebrated its seventh anniversary in the evening. During the year there have been circulated 7000 journals, 25,000 Youth's Advocates, 5000 copies of reports, 20,000 almanacs, 1000 hymn books, and a large number of Dr. Sewall's plates. Many interesting speeches were made, but we can find room only for the following passage:

Rev. John Marsh said he was very glad that "Father Beecher," of Ohio, was present—one who had labored for nearly half a century in this great cause, and whom he was sure the meeting would be glad to hear. He trusted he would speak at least a few words, or at least give us his blessing before he should depart from this scene of his most useful labors, and go to receive the rewards of a faithful servant.

Dr. Beecher said that as far back as 1812 God had put it into his heart to feel for the woes of the drunkard, and for the welfare of the nation. Every body, old and young, male and female, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, then was in the habit of drinking. In 1811, said he, I attended an Ordination, and there was the sideboard covered with bottles and decanters, and all kinds of spirituous liquors. Soon after I attended another, and witnessed the same exhibition. I then took a solemn oath to God, that I would never attend another Ordination where the table of the grog-shop, with its slops and sugar, was exhibited upon it beside the altar of the Most High. The next year I attended the General Association of Connecticut; and I inquired of them what could be done to put a stop to the fearful progress of intemperance. A committee was appointed and brought in a report, in which they stated that they had given the subject their most prayerful attention; that they were well aware of the fearful ravages of this evil, but that they had made calm inquiry and found that nothing could be done.

I immediately rose and moved that a Committee be appointed to report upon the spot a plan to arrest this deadly evil. The Committee was appointed, and reported a resolution which was adopted, in which the General Association of Connecticut recommended the *total disuse* of ardent spirits. It went like an electric shock through the land; and from that time to this the Temperance wave has rolled onward over all the land. It is therefore now nearly 40 years that I have been permitted to plead the cause of Temperance. As I look around upon this audience and remember that the gentlemen who introduced me to you called me 'Father,' I begin to be somewhat alarmed, for I certainly never expected in my day to have such a family of children!—(Laughter.) But I understand you don't expect any division of my patrimony—but only ask my blessing. Well, my children, God bless you!—And may He, through the Head of Christ, make you perfect and abounding in all good works. Let me say to every one of you, never violate your pledge of total abstinence. Touch not, taste not, handle not; and when death shall close the scene may you be all received into the glorious kingdom of God above!

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS held their meeting on Friday. The Board have 26 missions at 87 stations, with 133 missionaries and 117 native helpers; making a total of 469 missionary laborers. They have 17 printing establishments, and works have been printed in 32 languages spoken by more than 150,000,000 of people. They have 618 free schools, instructing 27,000 pupils, and eight seminaries with 1100 pupils, and 80 churches, including 23,000 members. The report, which will of course be officially published contains a vast amount of very interesting matter, which it is impossible to condense into any thing like the limits to which we are restricted. And, in the speeches and proceedings of the various societies, participated in as they were by eminent clergymen from all parts of the country, there is very much that we should be glad to transcribe, were it possible.

CONTINUATIONS.—We learn from the Banner of the Cross, that on Sunday the 7th instant, in the morning, Bishop Onderdonk confirmed *nine* persons in All Saints Church; and in the afternoon, in St. Luke's Church, *thirty-five* persons, of whom two were from St. Paul's Church. The above complete the Bishop's annual Confirmations in Philadelphia. They have been held *in twenty-two* churches, and the holy rite has been administered to *seven hundred and forty* persons.

☞ The corner stone of the spacious Methodist Episcopal Church about to be erected at the Northeast corner of Charles and Fayette streets, Baltimore, was laid on Tuesday of last week. The services on the occasion were conducted by the Rev. Bishop Waugh, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Hamilton and other ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

INSTALLATION.—The Rev. Daniel Dorseville will be installed on Sunday afternoon next as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at South Trenton, N. J. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Rice, of Princeton, and the charges delivered by the Rev. Eli F. Cooley, and the Rev. John Hall.

BAPTISM.—Fourteen persons were baptised in the Delaware on Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Young, pastor of the South Trenton, N. J., Baptist Church. The ceremony was witnessed by a large concourse of persons.

☞ It is said that the Rev. Dr. E. Stiles Ely has received and accepted a call to the pastorship of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

☞ The First Baptist Free Church in Boston have declined the offer of the directors of the Tremont Theatre, to sell the house and land to that society for fifty thousand dollars.

☞ In 1791 there were 24 churches of all denominations in this city; there are at the present time 105.

Foreign Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF THE WESTERN.

TEN DAYS LATER.

Since our last, the arrival of the Great Western, at New York, has given us foreign dates ten days later, being from Bristol to the 1st instant. The news is of a pleasant but not of an important character. There was no change in cotton, but the poorest grades of American are a shade lower, if any thing. Advices from this country of the prospect of the new crop are anxiously awaited. Grain and breadstuffs hardly maintain their price. The money market is quiet, and money abundant. Business is improving in the manufacturing districts.

The leading item of Court news is the birth of another Princess, which took place on the morning of April 25th. The usual formalities to which royalty is subject at such times; painful to female delicacy, but as necessary as pompously indelicate, were of course observed. The humblest farmer's daughter in the land has the advantage of England's Queen in this particular; for no perpetuated custom of a barbarous age, compels her to summon witnesses to prove that a false birth has not been imposed by her upon those interested in the event.

The Duke of Sussex died on the 21st of April. For half a century he had been a decided Whig, and a pillar of the Liberal cause in the House of Lords. He was greatly beloved by the Queen, who feels his loss deeply. He was at the head of the Masonic Fraternity in England.

Richard Arkwright, the richest commoner in Europe, died on the 23d. He was the son of Sir Richard Arkwright, the inventor. He has lived in princely state for many years, and is supposed to have been the largest holder of British stocks in the world.

The great steamship "Great Britain" is to be launched at Bristol, in June.

This last passage of the Great Western—made in twelve and a half days, is the shortest passage across the Atlantic, hitherward, on record.

There is nothing of much interest in the Parliamentary proceedings. Two addresses to the Queen had passed, one of congratulation on the birth of her daughter, and one of condolence, on the death of her uncle. The attempt to conclude a commercial treaty with Brazil had failed, England demanding more than Brazil would concede. The same result had attended the negociation with Portugal.

In relation to the Right of Visit, Mr. Webster's despatch to Mr. Everett, of the 28th of March, was published in the London papers of April 27th. The English presses seem to consider the question now to stand thus: The British Government, while it will not formally relinquish its Right of Visit, will forbear to exercise it; and the American Government, while it will not concede the right claimed by Great Britain, will take good care not to allow Great Britain any pretext for its attempted exercise.

Mrs. Wood, the vocalist, has not returned to her husband, but taken a small cottage in which she intends to devote her remaining years to religious offices and meditations. She cannot return to Mr. Wood, the Catholic Church still deeming her the wife of Lord Wm. Lennox; and for the same reason she cannot be accepted as a nun.

On the subject of emigration we find some stir, both in the British Isles and on the continent. About four hundred emigrants have recently left Aberdeen, for this country.

It is stated in the Magdeburg Journal, that twenty-four German Princes have united in the purchase of a tract in Texas. The humane object of this undertaking is to enable the shareholders to procure for their subjects who emigrate, a sure means of subsistence in America.

Continental.

FRANCE.—The Ministry stands firm, and has credits (appropriations) voted for the year's service. A Council of State was about to deliberate on the amnesty to political offenders, which was expected to be granted on the occasion of the King's fête. The Toulon journals state that Ibrahim Pacha, the son of Mehemet Ali, was about to visit that port, his object being to examine the arsenals, dock yards and ports of France.

A project has been brought toward in France, for the gradual removal of slavery in its colonies. The process is to occupy fifteen years; during the first ten of which, the slaves are to enjoy certain civil rights, and especially that of personal property and the privilege of purchasing freedom; but they can only assert those rights in the law courts by means of a patron or "curator;" in the next five years is to be instituted a kind of villenage, or apprenticeship.

One hundred thousand francs would be realized by the Fancy Fair, in Paris, for the relief of Guadaloupe.

SPAIN.—The new Cortes is not yet organized. It is doubtful whether the Espartero or the opposition will have the majority. The question of the prolongation of the minority of the Queen was beginning to be agitated. The Castellano contains a letter from Saragossa, of the 12th, stating that the Ayuntamiento and national militia of that city intended to present a petition in favor of that project to the Cortes.

Dates to the 8th of March, had been received from India. There is very little intelligence in them. The successor of the late Maharajah, of Gaulior, was to be installed on the 20th ultimo, and no opposition to his accession was to be apprehended. Lord Ellenborough was still at Agra, whither he had proceded from Delhi on receipt of the intelligence of the late Maharjah's decease. No news of a later date than that received by the ordinary mail had been received in Calcutta, either from Scinde or Cabul.

Latest Fashions.

The newest and most fashionable material of the season is the cameleon silk, deriving its name from the ever-varying shades it assumes in different lights; this sufficiently indicates its character. Economic ginns, barages of many styles, foulards, monseelines, cachemire, &c., are now replacing the thicker materials of winter; all shades of grey and violet are fashionable. Buttons are much used in redingotes and robes of demi negligé; they are made of colored glass, agate, stones, &c., having a gold point in the centre, and are of a round form. Black lace is almost an indispensable accompaniment of every toilette; cannels are of lace, scarfs of lace, flounces of lace, &c., &c. Point de Venise is also much in demand, and is made in every color; and the patterns are either antique, renissance, or pompadour; it is also made in black and white for sleeves, or scarfs of cachemire or barege.

Dresses continue to be made unreasonably long, particularly round; the trimmings are two very deep flounces with ruche, two tucks, or two bias placed in a lengthened wave; the bodies continue high and tight, but many have full backs, or a little fullness on the shoulders, and the ceinture is not excluded; the pelerine is a little changed to form, concealing less of the figure; the sleeves are still tight, but those a la Louis XIII. have many admirers, and it is expected will become more general as the season advances. For evening dresses, gauze or linen, forming double skirts in two colors, the one pink, the other lilac, are much admired, producing the effect so much approved of the cameleon silk; the same style is also applied to bonnets of gazelinc; it produces the opal tints.

Mantilles of black filet, with trimmings of the same, will be very fashionable this season; also the manteau Venitiene in black or white, lined with lilac or pink silk; scarfs of glace silk are hollowed out at the throat, and trimmed a la grandemere. Crispins and cannals of tarlatane over silk, are made with four rows of lace and embroidery; the various styles of mantelet all form pelerine behind, and the ends are rounded; they are trimmed with a ribbon a la vieille; trimmings of ribbon quilled, and bands of silk decoupees in festons, are much in use. Bonnets are made inclining more over the face, and not quite so deep at the ears, and the crowns are not so low behind, but rather expose the hair; the more simple for morning wear are trimmed with plain ribbon.

Capotes a coulisses are not much ornamented, and some are made of straw with silk crowns, with merely a band, and long ends at the side; the chou is sometimes of plain net. White satin bonnets are covered with lace, and ornamented with a long white feather; the Penelope bonnet is the newest style, and capotes a la Madonne with long veils of tulle. Leghorns, whether plain or sewed, are now in favor, and vary in form and trimming according to the use required. Bonnets of stiffe syphide are made rather close, with a narrow bouillonne of tulle, and bunch of lilac or fleur de cerise; pailles de riz mixed with silk form pretty capotes, with spriga of May and feather leaves, or wreaths of mignonette. *London and Paris Ladies' Magazine of Fashion.*

SAND'S SARSAPARILLA.—The removal of suffering has been the object of the philanthropist in every age of the world, but the true principles of treating disease progressed but slowly for many thousand years, owing to the limited means of acquiring knowledge; but since the introduction of the printing press and steam engine, it may literally be said, "light has dawned upon the world," and the man of the nineteenth century possesses advantages which his forefathers never did. In this general diffusion of knowledge, remedies have been sought after and discovered in the beautiful storehouse of the vegetable creation; a early indicated to exhibit such remedies and also good Ohio at $1.25, and extra at $1.30. Occasional sales of western for city use at $1.06½, but chiefly at $1.12½, and for good good brands at $1.25. Rye flour has further declined; sales at $4.87½ and subsequently at $4.81½@4.75 per bbl. Corn meal is still scarce, but the demand has been much less active. Last sales in bbls were at $2.62½ per bbl.

Grain—Wheat continues in demand, and although the arrivals have been large prices are well supported. Sales of only fair Pa. red wheat at 94@97 cts per bushel, good quality at 99½ to 99, and good red and white mixed at 99 to 97 cts. A sale of southern at 90 cents. Of about Rye—Sales of Pa at 56@58 cts. Corn, sales of Pa. round yellow at 54, flat do at 53 a 53½, southern flat 52, and white 50@51 cts. Oats—Sales of Delaware at 29 a 29, and Va at 26 cts.

Sugar—Holders are firm and the demand is moderate except for New Orleans sugar. 200 hhds of which have been sold at $1.62½ to 5.31 per 100 lbs for inferior to fair quality 4 mos. 300 hhds and large white Brazil at 7½ to 8½ cts 4 and 6 mos.

Fruit—A cargo of 2200 boxes Seville lemons and oranges, in good order, have all been disposed of at $3.12½ per box, 50 boxes soft shell almonds at 19 cents per lb.

Cotton—Some small sales of Texas at 5½ cash. Georgia at 5½ to 6¼ cash, and some repacked at 5½. 30 bales N O at 6½ cash.

Oil—A small cargo of whale has arrived, and been sold at 37c. Lard oil at 62 to 65c; sperm still scarce, 60 to 65 cts.

Tea—A sale of 400 half chests gunpowder imperial and hyson tea for export on terms not made public.

Molasses—The market is bare of West India in first hands, it would sell at advanced prices if here.

Naval Stores dull, except spirits of turpentine, of which the market is bare, sales at 40c.

Wool—There has been more enquiry for foreign wool and prices have slightly advanced.

Provisions—Pork is now quoted at $9 to 9½ for mess, sales of lard at 6½c.

Ginseng—Sales of 60,000 bushels crude at 12½ to 13 cts per lb. cash.

Rice—Queenstown sells readily at $21 per ton for fair quality.

Lead—The market has become bare of this article.

Tobacco—Sales of prime, small lot at 3¾.

Coffee—Market calm and prices steady.

Plaster—A cargo sale at $2.81 per ton.

Cattle Markets.

Philadelphia—Cattle—The offering comprised 200 beeves, of which 104 were from Ohio, and the balance from the State. 300 cows and calves, 311 swine and 1250 sheep. Beef cattle were in good request, and the offering being small, the prices advanced, all but 30 head sold, including 83 Ohio and 41 Pa for the N York market at $5@7 per 100 pounds for common to prime beasts. Cows and calves sold at $34@41 for city cows, and $19@19 for springers, and $22@30 each for milch cows. Jersey calves sold on the Delaware at $4@3.50, and Pa do at the yards at $1.50 a $3 per 100 lbs. live weight. Swine has advanced, all but 40 offered sold at $5.50@5.50 per 100 lbs. Sheep were disposed of at $1 a $1 each, as in quality.

New York, May 15—At market 300 beef cattle, 600 from the south, 65 cows and calves, and 3[illegible] sheep. Prices—Beef cattle—The supplies are better, and the activity in the market continues, but we quote a decline of 50 per cwt on the extreme range, say $5.50 to $7 for retailing qualities, and $1.50@$6 for ordinary cattle, 165 left over. Cows and calves—All at market taken at $15 @25 to $30. Sheep—All but 50 taken at $1.75 to $3, and $5.50 for a few choice lots.

Baltimore, May 15—Cattle—There were 230 beef cattle offered, of which 25 were driven north, nearly all of the balance sold at $5.50@5.75 net.

Trade and Business.

Baltimore, May 15—Flour—Only a moderate demand for Howard street flour; the price for good brands continues to range from $4.50 to $4.62½ cash, and for city mills flour at 4.25, which is a decline. Very little Susquehanna flour in market. Parcels in good order sell at 4.25. Grain—A cargo of Pa wheat, not prime, was sold on Saturday at 96 cts; to day a small parcel of prime at 97 cts. No Md wheat at market. We quote good to prime red at 95@99 cents. A sale of Pa yellow corn at 56 cts, and 1500 bushels to-day at 64 cts; sales of Md at 52@53 cts for white, and 54@55 cts for yellow; a sale of 1000 bushels Pa rye at 55 cts. We quote Md at 48@50 cts. Sales of Va oats at 32@33 cts; of Md at 29@30 cts; 1000 bushels Pa at 28 cents. Provisions—There is an improved feeling for bacon with large transactions in western and at 4¾ cts, sales of some small cels of strictly prime at 4¾ cts. We quote the range at 4¾@4¾ cts, and hams at 8@6 cts. Whiskey—Small sales of b

Gems from the Poets.

THE SANDS.

BY GEORGE CRABBE.

Turn to the watery world!—but who to thee
(A wonder yet unview'd) shall paint—the sea?
Various and vast, sublime in all its forms,
When hail'd by zephyrs, or when roused by storms,
Its colors changing, when from clouds and sun
Shadow after shadow upon the surface run:
Embrown'd and horrid now, and now serene,
In limpid blue, and evanescent green;
And oft the foggy banks on ocean lie,
Lift the the veil, and cheat th' experienced eye.

Be it the summer noon—a sandy space
The ebbing tide has left upon its place;
Then just the hot and stony beach shows,
Light twinkling streams in bright confusion move;
(For heated thus, the warmer air ascends,
And with the cooler in its full ensounds:)—
Then the broad bosom of the ocean heaps
An equal motion; swelling as it sleeps,
Then slowly sinking; curling to the strand,—
Faint, lazy waves, o'ercrept the ridgy sand,
Or into the tarry boat with gentle blow,
And back return in silence, smooth and slow.
Slaps in the sides, and ripples round the keel,
Or into the still sea, urged coicly by the tide;
Art thou not present, this calm scene before,
Where all beside is pebbly length of shore,
And far as eye can reach, it can discern no more?
Yet sometimes comes a rolling cloud to make
The quiet surface of the ocean shake:
As an awaken'd giant with a frown
Might show his wrath, and then to sleep sink down.

View not the winter storm! above, one cloud,
Black and unbroken, all the skies o'ershroud;
Th' unwieldy purposes through the deep flow
Heal roll'd in view of heding men on shore,
And sometimes hid and sometimes show'r his form.
Dark as the cloud, and furious as the storm

All where the eye delights, yet dreads to roam,
The breaking billows cast the flying foam
Upon the billows rising,—all the deep
In restless change; the waves so swell'd and steep,
Breaking and sinking,—and the sunken swells,
Now our, one moment, in its station dwells:
But nearer land you may the billows trace,
As if contending in their watery chase;
May watch the mightiest till the shoal they reach.
Then break and barry to their utmost stretch;
Curl'd as they come, they strike with furious force,
And then, tumbling, take their grating course.
Raking the rounded flints, which ages past
Roll'd by their rage, and shall to ages last.

Rolf.

Selected Articles.

STELLA LEE.

FROM THE NEW MIRROR.

What a little flirt was Stella! And yet if to be the most bewitching, the most entrancing enslaver of hearts, entitles a fair maiden to be a flirt, then is Stella fully entomitled, for she was all these—yes, and ten thousand times more!

Never was there seen such a sylph; so light, so airy, so full of grace! Never was a little head set so bewitchingly on a pair of shoulders; that dimpled dimpling with laughter at their own whiteness; never was there such a pair of eyes! they were not black, or blue, or hazel; one could not tell their colour; but such eyes! Alas, for the swains, who would not

"From the glance of her eye, shun danger and fly,"

for were there not otherwise in a pretty state of commotion? On such thumping and bumping of hearts! such Etna's of bosoms! Then such a head Stella—fragrant as the blossom of the sweet pea; and hands and feet which even Titania might have envied. Her voice was like the sweetest notes of the Æolian harp; and her laugh more musical than fairy-bells—*if one could hear them!* But then she was such a sad flirt!—it was too bad in her—too bad!

Oh the scares she would spread—with Cupid, sly, mischievous Cupid, ever at her elbow! Then, sitting around, she would laugh and clap her little hands, to see the poor fellows tumble in. And she would look so very demure, too, and feel so *sorry!* Why *would* they like her? It was not her fault—blame her little heart, but not her little hand!

Ah, Stella, Stella! was it not enough for you to lead in your chaire the village youths; city acquaintes, doctors, schoolmasters and lawyers! Must you also repent with *divinity itself!* Naughty, naughty Stella.

It happened that for several months the church in the village of Lorraine was without a pastor. The pulpit was either supplied from the neighbouring towns, or occasionally the inhabitants were favoured by some clerical traveller from the distant cities, who, charmed by the beauty of the place—gladly turned the Sabbath in so lovely a spot.

Indeed so much that had ever visited this delightful village could leave it without regret. Situated on the borders of the lovely Connecticut, forming a silvery circlet for the luxuriant meadows, as varied in hue as the tints of a queen's bow—the emerald, there the pale topaz of the prowlin wheat, the aqua-marine of the tall maize, and the ruby red of the fragrant clover. Lofty mountains bound the view on three sides, but on the other, far as the eye can reach, are scattered villages and towns, with spires and white dwellings gleam through orchards and groves, while here and there the Connecticut is again seen pursuing her silvery way, as if playing *bo peep* with earth and sky; now hiding amid the deep forests, and then bursting forth in gladness; mimicking on her surface cloud, tree and shrub.

One Saturday evening, as the sun was fast disappearing behind the mountains, the custom stage came driving, *John-like*, down the principal street of Lorraine, and dashed up in fine style, with cracking whip and sounding horn, to the door of the Union Hotel. Just at the moment the reps were let down, a party of young gentlemen hastening swiftly past, apparently to avoid coming in contact with the passengers of the coach. Stella was among them, and as she looked up in some confusion, her eye encountered those of a stranger, the expected clergyman. He started with surprise at this vision of love-liness, and remained almost unconsciously watching her light figure, until it vanished like a bird, amid the drooping foliage of the elms which bordered the street.

It might be was too much absorbed in the subject of his next day's discourse to do justice to the excellent supper of his host; certain it is, the fine trout, the amber bread and fragrant butter were nearly thrown away, taking his hat, William Godfrey strolled out in the beautiful twilight.

Saturday evening! Oh the loveliness of that quiet summer eve, amid the hills and valleys of New England!

The stars were beginning to peep bashfully forth, a slight mist was rising from the river, as if to curtain up the distant mountains, and the music of the frogs, the chirping cricket and ceaseless katydid, were the only sounds that met the ear. William Godfrey passed slowly down the avenue of elms, and gazed wistfully at the doors and windows of the neat cottages, and nowhere could he see Stella, and, in disappointed mood, he returned to the hotel.

The next morning dawned as pure and glorious as the day it ushered in. All was still; the sweet notes of the joyous birds or the cheerful sounds from the farm-yard, were alone heard. The grass lay glittering as though sprinkled with diamonds, here and there looked in fairy glories by the bright sunbeams, while each leaflet and flower bore its silvery dewdrop. Pleasant was it for the young clergyman to look upon a scene of such beauty; a scene calculated to inspire the holier feelings of our nature, even in the most careless heart, and Godfrey was one who, with the deepest devotion blended with warm enthusiasm, looked from

"Nature up to Nature's God."

The church bell sounds. The streets, before so solitary, are now filled with villagers, all wending their way to the house of God. William Godfrey that morning excelled himself; no one listened to him without interest and holy pleasure; and certainly there was no one but might have imported by his discourse. When the service was ended, several of the most respectable villagers pressed forward to entreat the clergyman, as was their custom, to partake of their family dinner. He was about, however, to decline all their kind invitations, when an elderly lady approached, and with great courtesy and dignity tendered her hand, accompanied at the same time with an urgent request that he would accept of her hospitality. Could he refuse her? he was not the coward girl on whose arm she leaned the very moment that haunted his night visions! and, as Stella looked up, he caught the second glance of those inexhausting eyes. No, he *could not* refuse; and, offering his arm to the elder lady, he accompanied them to their dwelling—a cottage nestled amid honeysuckles and roses.

And now mark what a chain of magical beauty Stella wove around the clergyman! each hour "fanned by Fancy's strong wing," adding a new link, until at length poor Godfrey became indeed a willing captive. Morning, noon, and evening found him by the side of Stella; they read, they walked together; or together rode through the shady groves or along the verdant banks of the Connecticut; and Godfrey even made no scruple of accompanying Stella's pretty songs with his own fine voice. There was to him a charm in every thing Stella did perfectly irresistible. The clergyman was deeply in love!

Well—and Stella! Little minx! she thought Mr. Godfrey *so very kind, so very agreeable*; she did not think a minister could be so agreeable! Then he was so very intelligent, too, she said, and she was proud to have him appear so direct her reading. To walk with him was delightful, for he talked so beautifully of the charms of nature; and, above all, she so admired to hear him sing! But as to *having* him—why the thing never entered her crazy little head. Marry! to think of her becoming a *sober minister's* lady, and the head of *Dorcas societies!* Why it would be like changing the brilliant little hummingbird into the grave gray owl!

A week flew past—it was again Saturday, and William Godfrey had accepted an invitation to preach in a neighboring town. The afternoon was fine, and it not being necessary for him to leave Lorraine until late in the day, he proposed to Stella an excursion on horseback. Off they went—she looking so beautifully in the dark green riding dress, her little hat and feather, and her whip, which she held like some fairy wand. He, too, sat that horse, too, so gracefull as a bird, and like a bird she flew along, carolling gayly, and making sweet music under those graceful elms and fragrant evergreens, piney which canopied their path.

Not one word had Godfrey yet breathed of his attachment, but this afternoon, he felt, must decide his fate. Twice he essayed to speak, but was too much agitated to proceed.

"Stella," said he at length, in a faltering voice—here he hesitated—and at one *bound* Fleet of that moment, as emerging from the shadow into the high road, an open carriage, passed them. In this carriage sat a gentleman—moreover, not only a young gentleman, but a very *handsome* gentleman—and so long and earnestly did he stare at Stella, that she blushed like a damask rose. The carriage drove on. Stella turned her head to look after it; the stranger's head was turned, too—how very awkward!—and Stella blushed still deeper.

"I wonder who that can be," said she; "he is very handsome—who can he be?"

This was said rather to herself than to her companion, and so no answer was required none was given. But a pang went through the heart of poor Godfrey; why, he could not tell, yet it seemed as the *chill of death* to all his warm hopes and imaginings.

They soon reached home; and, as Godfrey bade her good-evening, he said, as he pressed her hand,

"I shall return, my dear Miss Lee, on Wednesday, when I hope to have a conversation with you, on which, I hesitate not to tell you, much of my future happiness depends; till then, dear Stella, adieu."

The color fled from the cheeks of Stella—for, to do her justice, she had no idea until that moment how deeply she had interested her companion; and, bidding him a hasty farewell, she ran into the house. Letting her little hat fall off on her shoulders, and holding up the skirt of her long riding-dress, she tripped into the parlor—and *there*, on the little chintz-covered sofa—*there sat the Landrome stranger*, in conversation with her grandmother. She would have retreated, but it was too late.

"Mr. Dolivar, my dear," said the good lady, "a particular friend of your aunt Agnes; but go now and remove that troublesome dress, and then join us again."

And now if those scores of disappointed youths, dying by inches for the love of this cruel maiden, could have taken a peep into the heart of their fair enslaver, they would have seen themselves about to be revenged. Even Cupid, false fellow! just at the moment, instead of aiming his arrows from her eyes, turned quietly round, and pointing directly to the heart of poor Stella, drew his bow—*twang!*—yes, there sped the shaft!

Mr. Dolivar was truly an elegant young man, of polished manners and conversation. To account for his sudden appearance in Mrs. Lee's parlor, it is only necessary to say, that so much had he heard of the loveliness and excellence of Stella Lee from her aunt, in whose family he was intimate, and from others who had chanced to see her, that at first his curiosity was aroused, next his pity for the young orphan, (for Stella had lost both her parents while yet an infant,) and he determined, at all events, he would see this paragon himself. With intents, therefore, of introduction, he proceeded to Lorraine.

When he met Stella on horseback his *eyes and heart* told him she could be no other than the object which had brought him thither. But who, then, was that *pale young man*, her companion?

"*Only a young clergyman*," said grandma, in a tone which *seemed* to say, "Oh no danger *from a clergyman!*"

But not so thought Dolivar, until, by the artless manner of Stella, he saw that *her* heart at least was untouched.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday passed like *charmed* days; and Tuesday evening found Stella Lee the *betrothed bride* of Edward Dolivar!

Poor Godfrey! I don't believe she *thought* of him *once!* until Wednesday morning—when, just as Dolivar left her for a few moments to write to his friends of his happiness, William Godfrey entered, his fine form bending with delight and joy again. Stella blushed, turned very pale, then blushed again; she trembled too, and hesitated; and, in short, appeared so much like a young *girl in love*, that Godfrey laid the "*fluttering* sparrow in his soul," and immediately opened his whole heart to the trembling girl—breathing forth in tones of deep emotion his pure and fervent love—asking her reluctant hand, he asked,

"Tell me, dearest Stella, may I hope for a return of my affection? Say, can you love me?"

Poor Stella! what at that moment were her feelings? She nearly fainted, so great was her emotion; but, recovering herself, and withdrawing her hand, said, in a voice almost lost in agitation, these fatal words:

"*I am engaged.*" Then, bursting into tears, she fled from the room.

The unhappy lover rushed from the house just in time to meet the happy one at the entrance. Oh *Stella! Stella!*

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POLAND.

BY CHARLES J. PETERSON.

Exult, oh! Czar, o'er Poland torn
Exult she bows to thee—
Thou hast thy guerdon in the scorn,
The curses of the free!
And men shall say, in other times,
Thou wast Napoleon's crime.
But nothing more could be—
Thy beast, in murder to have vied
With him, the king of bonacists!

Go mark thy work!—for Warsaw's plain
Has reckoned at the tide
Thy reeking sacrifice aloud like rain
Careening at thy side—
Go—for the bay of lordly birth
Is weeping by the smouldering hearth
Where all his race have died.—
And Poland wails in widowed woe
Her martyred sons, her ruthless foe.

Oh! when her jewelled diademes came
In clouds to Volo's plain—
When kings and kaisers scarce could claim
Their equals to remain—
When, "if the heaven should fall," they said,
"Upon their lance points overhead
They'd bear it up again"—
They dreamed not that the time should come
Their sons should have nor land nor home.

When, from the steeples of Vienna,
Across the Bohemian sea,
Weary with watch, the Austrian men
With tears of estacy
Saw Sobieski's spears afar,
Heard thundering down his clash of war,
'Till Christendom was free—
Then he had died to see dared proclaim
Her future fate and Europe's shame!

Yes! Europe heard her last, wild shriek,
Nor answered to the call—
The Austrian whet his vulture beak
And feasted on her fall.
And Prussia chuckled in her glee,
And England—traitress to the free—
Was hurlesing with Gog!
Godz! did the Cossack bat rags
How they had leaped to arms again
But vain the wish—but single wing
Low in the dust is laid,
The children of the thunder king
Have sheathed their lightning blade.
And since he fell, their load has been
The plaything of winter es was mean,
Betraying and betrayed—
By Europe chained then vainly free,
The slaves, the dupes of tyranny!

How long oh! God of heaven, how long
Shall wrong like this prevail,
And Poland's shriek, beneath the thong
Arise on every gale!
If justice lives within the skies,
Dishonored Europe yet shall rise
And Scythia's lord assail.
Nor always shall he put to ban
The eternal heritage of man!

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The Humorist.

☞ A gentleman expatiated on the justice and propriety of an *hereditary* nobility. "Is it not right," said he, "in order to hand down to posterity the virtues of those men who have been eminent for their services to the country that their posterity should enjoy the honors conferred on them as a reward for such services." "By the same rule," said a lady, "if a man is *hanged* for his misdeeds, *all his posterity should be hanged too!*"

☞ The Picayune, of the 29th ult. has the following important item of Northern news:—"Cases of women flogging their husbands have become so general in the North, that they have formed a society for purposes of general protection. It is called 'The Husband's Alliance; or, Anti-hasty flogged-by-Wives Society.' Their motto is—Protection, not Women."

☞ Handy Andy somewhere tells of a place so cold that the barter from so hard as granite, and which could not be separated by a chisel and mallet. The words froze as they came from their mouths and dropped to their feet in pellets of ice; and frequently when a long conversation, a man might be seen *standing up to his knees in his own eloquence!*

☞ "John, you've been edging about and lolling round here every Sunday evening for a great while—what can you be after?" "Why, dear Sally, didn't you know that I was after you?" "Lack-a-day! John—why I thought it was me that was after you!" "Come, now let's both be after the parson, right off."

☞ "Why on earth don't you get up earlier, my son?" said an anxious father to his sluggard boy—"don't you see the flowers even spring out of their beds at the early dawn?" "Yes, father," said the boy, "I see they do, and I would do the same, if I had as dirty a bed as they have."

☞ An Iowa paper tells a story of an old hunter who, in describing a thunder storm in which he was once caught on a large prairie, said, that becoming desperate, he *rounded up* to the thunder so as to see the claps and *dodge them as they came.*

☞ "I expect," said a young physician, on his way to New York, on the breaking out of the cholera, "to witness a great many death-bed scenes this summer." "Doubtless," said a friend, "if you get much practice."

☞ A hollow silver button has been presented to the New York Historical Society, in which a note was contained, recovered from a spy employed by Sir Henry Clinton during the revolutionary war.

☞ No plaster can be made strong enough to draw tears from a hypocritic eye—money from a miser—generosity from selfishness—truth from a slanderer—or honesty from a thief.

☞ A philosopher asserts that the reason why ladies' teeth decay sooner than gentlemen's, is because of the friction of the tongue and the *sweetness of the lips.*

☞ "Husband, I don't know where that boy got his temper—not from me, I'm sure." "No, my dear—for I don't perceive that you've lost any."

☞ A Yankee from the Kennebec district, Maine, describes that place as so healthy that the citizens have to move somewhere else to die.

☞ Men dout on this world as if it were never to have an end; and neglect the next as if it were never to have a beginning.

☞ A sailor once went to see a juggler exhibit his tricks. There happened to be a quantity of gunpowder in the apartment underneath, which took fire and blew up the house. The sailor was thrown in the garden behind, where he fell without hurt. He stretched his arms, got up, shook himself, rubbed his eyes, and cried out—conceiving what had happened to be only part of the performance, and perfectly willing to go through the whole—"Well, I wonder what the fellow intends to do next?"

☞ An aged and venerable divine, who discovered that a mischievous son of his had been racing his old mare, modded the young rogue in very severe terms, and exhausted all his powers of reproof and reprobation; but in the conclusion could not resist the temptation to inquire how the race terminated. "She beat 'em," was the answer. "Ah!" said the old gentleman, "she's a fine creature, Jim; when I rode her, nothing could pass her on the road."

☞ Complaints are often made of the law's delay, but we read of a recent case in England in which commendable despatch was observed. The prisoner was charged with stealing six shovels; he was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to be transported for seven years in the brief space of four minutes. The Judge's charge was—

"Gentlemen of the Jury, the shovels were taken—who stole them?"

☞ A young bachelor in Lafoucha, who proposed for the daughter of a wealthy planter in that parish, insisted, in his letter to her father, on receiving with her as a dower a certain sugar plantation which the latter owned; "for," added the gallant in his letter, "I should like to take my wife as I do my coffee—*well sweetened!*"

☞ Dan Marble tells a story about a Yankee tailor who was running a man for the amount of his bill. The man said he "was sorry, very sorry, very sorry indeed, that he couldn't pay it." "Well," said the tailor, "I took you for a man that would be sorry, but if you are *sorrier* than I am, then I'll quit."

☞ "If I lick you," said a flathoatman to a man who was bothering him, "you'll go so high that the *time of falling* will be much less that that of *starving to death* before you get down—and I'll give you ten loaves of bread to carry up with you in the bargain."

☞ Zeno, the philosopher, believed in an inevitable destiny. His servant availed himself of this doctrine while hunting for theft, by exclaiming "was I not destined to rob?" "Yes," replied Zeno, "and to be *corrected* also."

☞ A country boy being asked what was meant by "universal suffrage," instantly replied—"why it means that every man should suffer alike!"

☞ Nothing can be said against the tobacco boxes now in general use. Those who don't chouse don't pay; and those who chouse do.

☞ Our frail bodies are tottering habitations; every beat of the heart is a rap at the door, to tell us of our danger.

☞ "Bless are the *piece makers*," as the servant said when she let the large China dish fall and broke it in pieces.

☞ Matrimony is a medicine very proper for young men to take. It decides their fate—kills or cures.

☞ Why is a crying child at church, like an aching tooth? Because it ought to be taken out.

☞ "I'm a strong candidate," as the man with a wooden leg said when he was courting a lady.

☞ How do settlers manage to get through the forests in the west? They cut their way.

☞ Young Plumbe says that lazy rogues are apt to be affected with *drop-sickle* diseases.

Choice Selections.

A HUNDRED YEARS HENCE.

"Captain, give a poor felly a shillen, to buy a bit lodging?"

Captain—hem—why captain? thought I. There is nothing military in my looks, certainly—but perhaps he intends it for twelve pence worth of compliments. It was somewhat high at that, to be sure, however, and I declined the trade. The beggar replied:

"Well, well, it'll be all the same a hundred years hence, whether I slape in the strate, or raid a nice clane bit straw undher my head. Good avenin, yer honor."

"Take your shilling, Pat, for the truth you have taught." I fell into a reverie.

So it will be all the same a hundred years hence. A mighty consequence we attach to the things of the day, which Pat's maxim would lessen essentially. It will be all the same a hundred years hence, whether you or I, reader, are fortunate or unfortunate. There are some few in every age who those works outlive them, but, depend upon it, dear reader, we are not among those conspicuous ones—for if people of our consequence—well so we think of ourselves—are of the contrary opinion, the opinion of our day will make an array Xerxes might not blush to lead.

What a world of fuss—of jealousy—of covetousness—and of every thing that is ugly, might be saved, if people would only reflect how entirely they are to be forgotten, a hundred years hence! They are not sure of having their names perpetuated even on their tombstones—for a hundred years hence, what graveyards may not be cut up for the depots? And our houses and fixtures, if we have them, how remorselessly will they be thrown down to make "improvements!" Our papers, with what appetite will the maw of some machine digest them and turn them out again, unsoiled and ready to run a new goose quill gauntlet, unless, perchance, a steam process of writing be invented! Our, "countless fair presentments," duly depicted on canvas, may stop gaps in stables, or make cradles for kittens—withstanding the affection of wives and daughters, and mothers and sisters for them, is equalled only by the love they bear for the original. I could weep to think of those things, only that my tears would evaporate long enough before a hundred years hence.

By the way, of tears, a query. They are salt, as every body knows who has shed them in such an abundance that the stream has found a mouth in the mouth proper of the lacrymist, and who has not drank tears? What that has passed blubbering infancy, has not, during that eventful period, when indulging in a hearty cauterwall, taken a bar rest in his music to wonder at the changeable, and then set out afresh to pump out new tears from the saline fountain? Will people have learned, a hundred years hence, to make salt from the evaporation of tears—or will sweeping be out of fashion?

Heaven send kissing may not. I speak as a dear lover of posterity, for if our descendants be foolish enough to cease so rational a salutation, I could take no comfort in walking earth, if to ghosts it be permitted. A week since, my lips smacked from sympathy—don't misunderstand me, gentle reader, man, woman, or child, was within arm's length of me. The case was thus. I was fellow passenger with a taciturn gentleman in a stage coach. Not a word would he utter, further than I begrudged monosyllables. His silence seemed very reprehensible, but subsequent events excused it proving as they did, that his dumbness was occasioned by anticipation of such a grinding as I would go to either pole to prevent. The two parts, each, had been absent from home a long while away, for he depended upon the driver to point out his house—and the coach stopped so far short of it, that the noise did not rouse the inmates. He rang, the door opened, and a broad stream of light beamed out into the night, while by contrast with the darkness outside the door, one might from the stage count the stamps in the entry mat. The little black woman who opened shouted aloud for joy, and then, she dose the entry as if she feared intruders of welcomed. In an instant, as the whistle of Hendedrick Due called his clansmen from bush and rock, some dozen indoes and gentlemen shot into the entry from side and end, from chamber and parlor. The first in the race, of whose face I snatched only a glance, threw herself up—not upon; he stood six feet to her four—and kissed him—like—like lightning. Her lips fairly smothered his expressions of pleasure, while she did not undertake to say a word. While she was swinging round and round, up came another and another, and all alike, were deadly bent at skinning his face. Such a scene! I will make it a point to ride to Salem some fine morning, to get a return of a Salem man, captain, mate or foremast hand, for, curse, if there be aught of witchery left in that ancient town, it abides in the lips of the spinsters there!

"Are you sick?" said a stage fellow.

"No," I answered. "Why?"

"You groaned as if you were in pain."

So I was. I would have given the world to have changed places with the lucky recipient of those hurrying favors. Will they kiss there, a hundred years hence? If they do not, or if kissing be less now than of yore, then is the doctrine of deterioration proved. Opinions that there cannot, then this, be a better stopping-place, here I smack off.

H. H. W.

BOUNDLESSNESS OF CREATION.

About the time of the invention of the telescope, another instrument was formed, which laid upon a scene no less wonderful, and rewarded the inquisitive spirit of man. This was the microscope. The one led me to see a system in every star; the other leads me to see a world in every atom. The one taught me that this mighty globe, with the whole burden of its people and its countries, is but a grain of sand on the high field of immensity; the other teaches me that every grain of sand may harbor within it the tribes and families of a living population. The one told me of the insignificancy of the world I tread upon. The other redeems it from all insignificancy; for it tells me that in the leaves of every forest, and in the flowers of every garden, and in the waters of every rivulet, there are worlds teeming with life, and numberless are the glories of the firmament. The one has suggested to me, that beyond and above all that is visible to man, there may be fields of creation which sweep immeasurably along, and carry in the impress of the Almighty's hand to the remotest scenes of the universe; the other suggests to me, that within and beyond all that minuteness which the naked eye of man has been able to explore, there may be a region of invisible; and that, could we draw aside the mysterious curtain which shrouds it from our senses, we might see a theatre of as many wonders as astonishment have unfolded, a universe within the compass of a point as small as to elude all the powers of the microscope, but where the wonder-working God finds room for all his attributes, where he can raise another mechanism of worlds, and fill and entangle the evidence of his glory.—*Chalmers.*

WASHINGTON.

BY ELIZA COOK.

Land of the West! though passing brief the record of thine age,
Thou hast a name that darkens all on history's wide page;
Let all the blasts of fame ring out—thine shall be heard for ever;
Let others boast their sacrifices—thou hast the planet star.
Thou hast a name whose characters of light shall ne'er depart;
Tis stamped upon the dullest brain, and warms the coldest heart;
A war-cry fit for any land where freedom's to be won;—
Land of the West! it stands alone—it is thy Washington!
Rome had its Cæsar, great and brave; but stain was on his wreath;
He lived the heartless conqueror, and died the tyrant's death.
France had its Eagle; but his wings, though lofty they might soar,
Were spread in false ambition's flight, and dipped in murder's gore.
Those hero-gods, whose mighty sway would fain have chained the waves—
Who flashed their blades with tiger zeal, to make a world of slaves—
Who, though their kindred barred the path, still fiercely waded on,
Oh, where shall be *their* "glory" by the side of Washington?
He fought, but not with love of strife; he struck, but to defend;
And ere he turned a people's foe, he sought to be a friend.
He strove to keep his country's right, by reason's gentle word,
And sighed when fell injustice threw the challenge—he stood the firm, the calm, the wise, the patriot and sage;
He shrived no deep, avenging hate—no burst of despot rage.
He stood for liberty and truth, and dauntlessly led on,
Till shouts of victory gave forth the name of Washington.
No ear of triumph have him through a city filled with grief;
No groaning captives at the wheels proclaimed him chief;
He broke the gyves of slavery with strong and high disdain,
And cast no sceptre from the links when he had crushed the chain.
He saved his land, but did not lay his soldier trappings down,
To change them for the regal vest, and don a kingly crown.
Fame was too earnest in her joy—too proud of such a son,
To let a robe and title mark a noble Washington.
England, my heart is truly thine—my loved, my native land!
The land that holds a mother's grave, and gave that mother birth!
Oh, kneeling and would be the fate that throws me from thy shore,
And faltering my breath, that sighed, "Farewell for ever!"
But did I meet such adverse lot, I would not seek to dwell
When olden heroes wrought the deeds for Homer's song to tell;
Away, thou gallant ship! I'd cry, and bear me swiftly on—
But bear me from my own fair land—to that of Washington.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF OLD STOCK.

A pedlar of tin ware, who had been travelling from plantation to plantation with his cargo of "notions," found but a limited sale for his lucrative article of which he had a large stock. In despair of getting rid of them at what he called, "a very reduced price," yet he found purchasers as scarce as clover in sand hills. At length a tavern-keeper detected him in a farmer, who he said, was very much in want of the article. To the house of this ready customer went Jonathan, determined to get his trouble's worth out of him. The first person he met was the overseer, who was lounging in the shade of the road. "You don't want to buy a lantern, do ye?" asked Jonathan. "You though I reckon I do," returned the overseer—"how much mought you ask for one?" "Only thirty-seven and a half cents." "Well, 'spose you git one one." The pedlar accordingly gave him a lantern, and receiving his money proceeded onwards.

"You don't want to buy a first rate lantern, do you?" said he to the overseer's wife, who was washing clothes at the spring. "Yes," was the reply, "Mr. B. has been wanting one this long while." Jonathan accordingly served her out one at the same price he had bargained with her husband for. At the barn, before he reached the house, he met the son of the planter—"You don't want to buy no lanterns, do you?" "I don't want one myself," replied the young man, "but I'll take one for father, if you can sell it cheap." "Why, I can do it," Jonathan accordingly pocketed another thirty-seven and a half cents, and became one lantern lighter.

He now advanced boldly up to the house, and meeting the old lady at the door, immediately put the question to her—"You don't want to buy no first rate lanterns, do you?" "Indeed but I do," said the old lady, "My husband has been wanting one these six months past—and I am glad you've jerned by him and brought one along with you." Jonathan sold her, and received another thirty-seven and a half cents.

He now departed, almost satisfied with the *spec* he had made. At some distance from the house, in a field by the side of the road, he espied the old gentleman himself, and hailed him with the old question. "You don't want to buy no first rate lanterns, do you?" "How much do you ask a piece," inquired the planter. "Fifty cents," replied the tin pedlar; "and I guess that's cheap enough, considerin' they've come all the way from Connecticut." "Well, I'll take one"—said the old gentleman, putting his hand to his pocket. "Hadn't you better take half a dozen?" asked Jonathan, "there's no knowing when a tin merchant may pass this way again. If you'll take a half a dozen, I'll let you have them for thirty-seven and a half cents a piece." The planter took him at his word, and the pedlar took to his route other having disposed of ten lanterns.

TERROR OF OXEN AT A LION.

We were often exposed to danger from lions, which, from the scarcity of water, frequent the pools of fountains, and some of our number had some hair breadth escapes. One night we were quietly introducted at a small pool on the Gup River, where we never anticipated a visit from his majesty. We kept close under our united evening worship, the book was still in my hand, and the closing notes of the song of praise had scarcely fallen from our lips, when the terrific roar of the lion was heard, apparently at a little before were quietly chewing the cud, rushed upon us, and over our fires, leaving us prostrated in a cloud of dust and sand. Hats and Hymn-books, our Bible and our guns, were all scattered in wild confusion. Providential it was that the animals were not trampled in the dark and gloomy twilight, grasped a fire-brand, and deliberately numerous rout. Cabbage, Glory and Jasperagus, likewise, owe their present reputation and consequence in the vegetable world, simply to the effects of art. In their natural state, they are wholly worthless for purposes of food, either to man or beast.

The apple—the pear, the peach, plum and apricot equally attest the force of artistic efforts in improving and ameliorating the wild insipid fruits of nature—the products of the forest, when in unexplored wastes, they scattered the inhabitants are, and, indeed, the whole appearance of the country impresses the mind with the idea that it is only fit for beasts of prey. The people seem to drag out a miserable existence, without any attempt to place in space of grass, grain, or wild roots. Those I had met with had, from infancy, been living a no-made life, with our great object in view, to keep soul and body together.

"A region of drought, where no river glides
Nor rippling foun to the ear of noon
Where sedgy pool, nor babbling fount,
Nor tree, nor cloud, nor sunny mount
Appears to refresh the aching eye,
But barren earth, and the burning sky,
And the blank horizon round and round
Spread—and of living sight or sound."

Moffat's Travels.

SHOPPING.

An unhappy, "dry goods" clerk grew vent to his sorrows in a long communication in the Norfolk Beacon. When he comes to descant upon the trouble ladies give him in showing for everything but what they want, his griefs overcome him, and his soul gushes forth in poetical numbers.

My friend "*Bob*" told me that t'other day a most irresistible creature softly glided up to his counter, whose sweet smile and ruby lips seemed to promise the impersonification of some angel vision he has often seen revel through his midnight fancy. When, after the usual solicitations were exchanged:

Goods after goods were exposed to her view
Prints, linens and silks—as her eye roved o'er
Thirty patterns she took—the *Lord* knows for who!
When the strings of her huge indispensable drew,
With the proceed each market on offer.

Have you any gloves? (mark the question she made)
Those for gentlemen quickly were shown—
"*Ladies*, sir, if you please"—and long whites were displayed
"Oh, the short ones"—short English before her were
Not "Lord! French, sir," next was the tune.

French kid, still unmoved, Bobby drew from a case,
Where they lay packed superbly together;
But soon had to wish them well back in their place,
When for *Nids*, she exclaimed with a wonderful sere,
Nids—Lord, bless me! you see these are leather!

Bobby now stood aghast—twenty others the while
Rose & for goods like a battling host—
The counter was heaped in a terrible pile,
He countenance lost its accustomed smile,
And his patience now gave up the ghost.

Mem.

Were ever poor mortals like shop-keepers curse!
Why, in Lucifer's name, could she not ask at first,
For Ladies' *short, white, French Nids Gloves?*

WITCHCRAFT.—Judge Blackstone never found himself more embarrassed that in trusting upon the subject of witchcraft in his Commentaries. Dr. Grey, in his notes on Hudibras, mention that Hopkins, the noted witchfinder, hanged 60 suspected witches in one year; and he cites Hutchinson on Witchcraft, for the dreadful number of 20,000 that were burnt within 150 years! The humorous Judge Barrington likewise relates many horrid particulars, with excellent remarks, in his Observations on the Statutes. Howell, in one of his letters, dated 1647, say, that in two years there were included, in Suffolk and Essex only between 200 and 300 witches, of whom more than one half were executed. It was not, indeed, until towards the conclusion of the 17th century, that this infamous superstition began at all to abate.

The Olio.

A REMARKABLE MAN.—At a temperance meeting recently held in Alnansaw, Col. Lahmanouky, who had been twenty three years a soldier in the great Napoleon Bonaparte, addressed the meeting. He came before the audience, tall, erect, vigorous, with the glow of health in his face, and said:—You see before you a man seventy-nine years old. I have fought two hundred battles, have fourteen wounds on my body, have lived thirty days on horseflesh, with the bark of trees for my bread, snow and ice for my drink, the canopy of Heaven for my covering, without stockings or shoes on my feet, and with only a few rags for my clothing. In the deserts of Egypt, I have marched for days, with a burning sun upon my naked head, feet blistered in the scorching sand, and with eyes, nostrils and mouth filled with dust, and with thirst so tormenting that I have torn open the veins of my arms and sucked my own blood! Do you ask how could I survive all these horrors? I answer that, next to the kind providence of God, I owe my preservation, my health and vigor, to this fact, *that I never drank a drop of spirituous liquor in my life*—and" he continued, "Baron Leroy, chief of the medical staff of the French army, has stated it as a fact, that the six thousand survivors who safely returned from Egypt, were all men who abstained from the use of ardent spirits."

THE DANGERS OF A GAMING TABLE.—Perhaps the most unhappy event that can befall a person who visits a gaming table for the first time, is that he should retire from it a winner. There comes no little reason why that which has already been done should not with equal facility be repeated, that it is all but a certainty that the unfortunate player will make the attempt. Two gentlemen strolled one night into a Paris gaming house, neither of them being players, and intent, therefore, only on gratifying an idle curiosity. One of them, after looking on for some time, threw out a bait to Lady Fortune for three or four Napoleons. She was kind; and in less than half an hour his pockets were crammed with gold. He wisely resolved to march off with the spoil, and with that laudable intention he asked the dealer to exchange his gold for notes. After receiving 4500 francs in paper, there still remained three unlucky Napoleons. "Let's see what I can do with these," cried the possessor. He tried and lost them. That was provoking! Should he recover them, he changed one of his notes—then another; and in less than ten minutes he left the room without a franc in his purse. Reflecting on the difficulty of leaving the gaming table a winner, he never played again.

LAUDABLE ADVENTURE.—Not long since, a reverend clergyman in Vermont, being apprehensive that the accumulated weight of the snow upon the roof of the barn might do some damage, resolved to prevent it by seasonably shovelling it off. He therefore ascended it, having first, for fear the worst might all slide off at once, and himself with it, fastened to his waist one end of a rope, and giving the other to his wife, he proceeded to work; but fearing still, for his safety, "my dear," said he, "tie the rope round your waist;" no sooner had she done this, than off went the snow, poor minister and all; up went his wife, who, as soon as she saw the husband and rope disappeared, hung, but on the other side hung his wife, high and dry, in majesty sublime dangling at the end of the rope. At that moment, however, a gentleman luckily passing by, delivered them from their perilous situation.

"THE GIRL AND THE PHILOSOPHER."

As Kate went tripping up the town,
(No lame is needed precisely,)
An "onion chief" in cap and gown
(No mental eye looked gritter)
Accosted Kitty in the street
As she was going in cross over.
And robbed her of a kiss—the cheat!—
Saying I'm a philosopher!
"A what?" said Kitty, blushing red.
And gave his cap a toss over;
"Are you? Oh, jiho!" and off she sped.
Whilst he bewailed the "lost opher!"

London Lit. Gaz.

NEW MODE OF LIGHTNING.—A Liverpool paper tells a laughable joke about a menagerie man. Constables were after him for debt, and he got into the cage with the lions. Their companionship may be imagined when he politely informed them that he preferred the company of the lion of the forest to the lions of the law, and that it was his intention to remain where he was until after twelve o'clock on Saturday night, when, according to law, their authority (for the time being) ceased. Threats and persuasions were alike unavailing; all that they could obtain from him was the assurance that if they wanted him *they might come and take him!*

NEGRO SHAVEMEN.—A gentleman sent his black servant to purchase fish. He went in a stall, and taking up a fish began to smell it. The fishmonger observing him, and fearing the bystanders might catch the scent, exclaimed, "Hallo! you black rascal, what do you smell my fish for?" "Me no smell de fish, massa." "What you smell for, then, sir?" "Why, me talk to him, massa." "And what do you say to the fish, oh?" "Why me ask what news at sea—dat's all, massa." "And what did the fish say?" "He says he don't know, he no been dar dese *tree weeks!*"

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